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## INTRODUCTION



Repeated requests come into the Foreign Missions Office asking for additional information about our missionaries. Such requests are highly appreciated for they display the sincere interest the people in the home churches have in these ambassadors of our Lord. The information desired about the missionaries is more than casual. Not only their names are asked for, but their location, type of work, their children, their biography, and their pictures. The *MISSIONARY ALBUM* is designed to meet that request partially at least, and to encourage dissemination of information and interest about the missionaries and the entire foreign missions project.

The Album may perhaps serve to accomplish another objective. Supporters of foreign missions write into the office for names and pictures of missionaries in order to construct a prayer list. It will please the Holy Spirit if the missionaries appearing in the Album might become the regular objects of intercession of God's people all over the conference. 2 Thess. 3:1; 1 Thess. 5:25. Foreign missions move by the prayer of God's people.

It is the hope of the Board of Foreign Missions that this booklet may serve to help promote the carrying out of the Great Commission of the Lord of the Harvest to the end that many a soul in darkness may see the light and hope in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior.

A word of acknowledgment is due to Leonard J. Vogt, assistant secretary, who devoted much time to preparing the biographies and to Linda Toews and Esther Wiebe, office secretaries, who also wrote a share of the life accounts.

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# *Comanche Indians . . .*



*Since 1894*



REV. AND MRS. ABRAHAM J. BECKER  
(Pensioned)  
Lawton, Oklahoma

*Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that he have mercy upon us.—PSALM 123:1-2*

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ABRAHAM J. BECKER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob P. Becker, was born on February 25, 1872, at Woldenfirst, South Russia. Together with his parents he came to the United States of America in 1875, and after a short stay in Indiana, they settled in Minnesota, and later moved to Kansas. Mr. Becker was converted at the age of twelve and joined the Ebenfeld M. B. Church near Hillsboro, Kansas, on March 30, 1884. He received his early bible training in the Buhler Vereins Schule and was graduated in 1896. Later he attended McPherson College and was graduated in 1899. Mr. Becker also studied at the Moody Bible Institute. On October 27, 1897, he was married to Magdalena Hergert, at Fairview, Oklahoma. They were ordained on May 14, 1911, at South Fairview, Oklahoma by Rev. M. M. Just. In 1901 the Conference accepted brother and sister Becker as missionaries to the Comanches at Post Oak. After thirty-six years of diligent work among the Comanche Indians the Beckers took up a new work among the Mexicans at Lawton, Oklahoma. On July 7, 1938, it pleased the Heavenly Father to call Mrs. Becker home to Himself. Rev. Becker carried the load alone till November 13, 1941, when he was married to Katharina Poetker at Lawton. Even though the Beckers are pensioned and live retired in their own home they still have a vital interest in Post Oak and Lawton View Missions.

MRS. KATHARINA POETKER BECKER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich Poetker, was born on January 27, 1887, at Lindeau, South Russia. In 1925 she immigrated to the United States of America. At the age of forty she accepted Christ as her Lord and Saviour, and in 1931, she was baptized and accepted into the membership of the M.B. Church of Fairview, Oklahoma. Later she moved to Premont, Texas. On November 13, 1941, she was married to Missionary A. J. Becker at Lawton, Oklahoma. Even though Mrs. Becker was introduced to the missionary work done by Brother Becker through marriage, she nevertheless shares with him a deep interest in this cause. The Beckers by first marriage have six children. Daniel A., born on August 14, 1898; William J., August 21, 1900; Peter A., August 7, 1903; Herwanna N., December 14, 1907; Samuel D., May 9, 1910; and Glen V., February 26, 1918.

*I have planted, Apollos watered;  
but God gave the increase.—1 COR. 3:6.*



ANNA AND JOE GOMEZ  
Post Oak, Oklahoma

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MRS. ANNA HIEBERT GOMEZ, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Hiebert, was born in Russia on August 30, 1886. She accepted Christ as her Lord and Saviour at the age of nineteen and joined the M. B. Church at Mountain Lake, Minnesota, upon confession of faith and baptism. She received her education at the Mountain Lake Bible Academy. In 1911 she went to Post Oak to help Mrs. Becker in the home as well as assist in the church work. She was married to Joe Gomez on February 16, 1913, at Post Oak Mission near Indianahoma, Oklahoma. She went to assist in the mission work officially at Post Oak in 1936. She has spent a great deal of her time visiting the lowly homes of the Comanches and ministering to the sick. Mr. and Mrs. Gomez have five children. Josephine born on June 20, 1915; Walter born on March 13, 1917; Enedena born on September 3, 1919; Aurora Belen born on August 3, 1920; and Joe Edward born on October 28, 1923.



REV. D. J. GERBRANDT AND FAMILY  
Indiahoma, Oklahoma

*O Lord God, thou hast begun to shew thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy might?—*  
DEUT. 3:24.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

DICK J. GERBRANDT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gerbrandt, of Reedley, California, was born at Herbert, Sask., Canada, on April 23, 1911. He accepted Christ as his personal Saviour at the age of fourteen and was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Reedley M. B. Church the following year. He received his high school diploma from the Immanuel Bible School, Reedley, California, in 1932. He did his college work at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, where he graduated with the A.B. degree in 1945. He was married to Linda Wiens on April 29, 1934, at Reedley, California. They were ordained at Sawyer, North Dakota, in 1941 by Rev. F. J. Weins and Rev. J. H. Pankratz. Before entering mission work, he served as pastor of the following churches: the M. B. Church of Sawyer, North Dakota, for five years, the M. B. Church of San Jose, California, for nine months, and the M. B. Church of Lehigh, Kansas, for two years. He has also spent some time in evangelistic work. The Gerbrandts went to Indiahoma in June, 1945, where they are serving the Lord at the present time.

MRS. LINDA WIENS GERBRANDT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wiens, was born on October 23, 1914, at Shanghang, China. She realized her lost condition and accepted Christ as her Saviour at the age of nine and was baptized the following summer. She was graduated from the Dalmeny Bible School, Dalmeny, Sask., in 1929. Two years later she finished her high school work at Reedley, California. Some years later she studied at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. On April 29, 1934, she was married to Dick J. Gerbrandt. She served the Lord, together with her husband, in different pastorates, teaching Vacation Bible School and doing personal work. On June 6, 1945, the Gerbrandts went to work on the mission field at Indiahoma. The Gerbrandts have five children: Marjorie Jane born on February 11, 1935; Carol Ann born on September 28, 1937; David Franklin born on August 7, 1941; Richard Timothy on April 1, 1946; and Herold John, April 7, 1949.

*In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.*

—PSALMS 31:1.



REV. FRANK P. NICKEL AND FAMILY  
Lawton View, Oklahoma

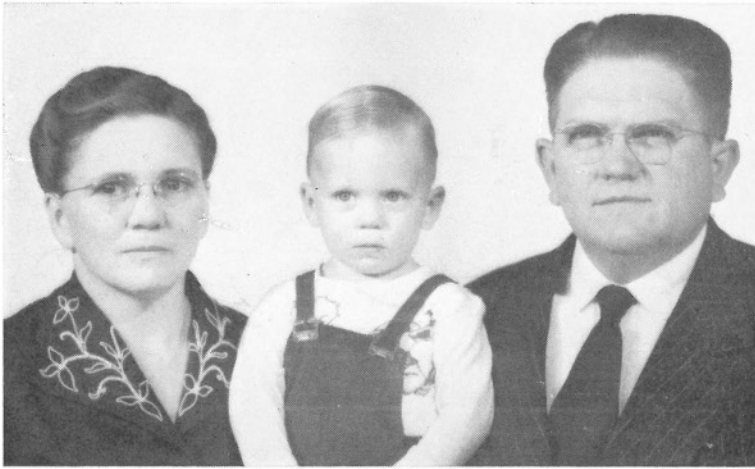
## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

FRANK PETER NICKEL was born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter I. Nickel on January 11, 1917 at Inman, Kansas. At the age of twelve he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour and joined the Buhler M. B. Church by baptism. He graduated from Inman Rural High School in 1935. In 1938 he continued his education at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, graduating with a Th.B. degree in 1942. During his attendance at Tabor College, Mr. Nickel dedicated his life to God for full time service in the Kingdom. He spent one term at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois, and at the Missionary Medical Institute, Toronto, Canada. His practical experience includes preaching, Bible School teaching, and personal work. For three months he served the Ingalls, Kansas M. B. Church as pastor. On October 4, 1942 he was united in holy matrimony to Eva Jantz. Since 1947 they have been serving the Lord at Lawton View Mission, Lawton Oklahoma, under the auspices of the M. B. Board of Foreign Mission. The Nickels were ordained at the M. B. Church, Buhler, Kansas, on May 28, 1950.

MRS. EVA JANTZ NICKEL, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jantz, Halstead, Kansas, was born at Bloomfield, Montana, on June 23, 1915. In 1928 the family moved to Hillsboro, Kansas. Here Mrs. Nickel graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1933 and from the Junior College Course at Tabor College in 1936. She was born again at the age of thirteen. In 1939 while teaching school she surrendered her life to the service of her master and entered Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois, that fall in order to prepare for full-time Christian work. In August, 1941, she was graduated from the three-year Missionary-Bible Course at Moody's. During this time she took many opportunities to witness through personal work, child evangelism, and house visitations. Shortly after her marriage to Frank P. Nickel on October 4, 1942, she was accepted into the membership of the M. B. Church at Buhler, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Nickel are the parents of four healthy boys, namely: Charles Edward, born on April 2, 1944; Robert Dale, born May 20, 1946; Jack Daniel, March 5, 1948; and James Leon, April 2, 1950.





REV. HERMAN J. NEUFELD AND FAMILY  
Post Oak, Oklahoma

*O Lord, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid; thou hast loosed my bonds. I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord. —*  
PSALMS 116:16-17.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

HERMAN JAMES NEUFELD, son of Mr. and Mrs. Franz F. Neufeld, was born at Buhler, Kansas on September 17, 1909. Following his conversion at the age of eighteen he was baptized and accepted into the M. B. Church of Buhler, Kansas. On May 29, 1938, he was united in holy matrimony to Anna Franz. They established their home in Buhler, where he was employed as blacksmith and welder. They were active in church work; however, they felt an inward urge and call for full-time service for the Lord. In 1945 the Neufelds made the decision to follow the Lord's calling and enrolled at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, for further preparation. Mr. Neufeld was graduated in May, 1949 with an A.B. degree, majoring in Bible. During the summer of 1947 and 1948 they spent some time at Post Oak and Lawton View Missions, Oklahoma. In June, 1949, they entered full time missionary service under the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions at Post Oak Mission, Indianahoma, Oklahoma.

MRS. ANNA FRANZ NEUFELD, born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob A. Franz on December 29, 1912 at Buhler, Kansas, was converted at the age of eleven. On August 22, 1926, she was baptized and received into the fellowship of the M. B. Church of Buhler, Kansas. She graduated from the Buhler High School in May, 1933. In February, 1934, she began nurses training at Axtell Christian Hospital, Newton, Kansas, and received the R.N. degree in February, 1937. She spent four and a half years in full time nursing. Other practical experience includes child evangelism and personal work. During the school year 1945-48 she studied at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas.

JAMES EDWARD NEUFELD was born on March 6, 1949.



*Other Workers*



SARAH GRUMAN *Gruman*  
Indiahoma, Oklahoma



MARTHA KROEKER  
Indiahoma, Oklahoma



ELIZABETH SAWATZKY  
Indiahoma, Oklahoma



*India . . .*



*Since 1899*



REV. AND MRS. N. N. HIEBERT  
(Pensioned)  
Hillsboro, Kansas

*Ye have not chosen me but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain.—JOHN 15:16.*

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NICHOLAS N. HIEBERT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nickolai C. Hiebert, was born on July 29, 1874 at Lichtfelde, Russia. His parents immigrated to the United States before he was a year old and settled in Minnesota. At the age of fifteen he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour and one year later, in the summer of 1890, he was baptized by the Mountain Lake M. B. Church and accepted into the fellowship of the Bingham Lake M. B. Church. He received his High School education at Windom, Minnesota. He also spent one year, 1897-1898, at McPherson College, McPherson, Kansas. On May 28, 1899, he was united in marriage to Susie Wiebe at Bingham Lake. They were ordained at Bingham Lake on June 6, 1899, by Rev. Abraham Schellenberg and Rev. Henry Voth. Brother Hiebert's practical experience before entering foreign mission work consists of teaching Sunday School, helping in the choir, and teaching public school at Mountain Lake for five years. At the meeting of the General Mennonite Brethren Conference in 1898 the Lord laid it upon the hearts of the delegates that the time had come for the conference to spread the Gospel to other lands. At the same time the brethren accepted Brother and Sister N. N. Hiebert as the first M. B. missionaries to India. The Hieberts sailed for India in the summer of 1899 and arrived there in October; however, after eighteen short months had passed Brother Hiebert became seriously ill so that he and his family had to return to America. Even though they had to return from the field their missionary interest has continued to glow through the years by encouraging the churches at home.

MRS. SUSIE WIEBE HIEBERT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wiebe, was born on July 19, 1880, at Waldheim, Russia. When she was six years of age she, together with her parents, immigrated to the United States where they settled in Minnesota. At the age of fifteen she experienced the forgiveness of sins by claiming Christ as her Saviour. On August 11, 1896, she joined the M. B. Church of Bingham Lake, Minnesota upon confession of faith and baptism. On May 28, 1899, she was married to Nicholas N. Hiebert at Bingham Lake. Shortly after their wedding they were ordained as missionaries for India. On June 16, 1899 they left the shores of the United States as the first M. B. missionaries to the foreign field. The Hieberts have twelve children: Marie born on June 18, 1900 (deceased, 1947); Susie, June 18, 1900 (deceased, 1900); Albert, May 30, 1902 (deceased, 1909); John N. C., March 5, 1904; Clyde, January 24, 1907; Samuel, April 13, 1909; Alma, December 5, 1911; Annie, December 5, 1911; Waldo, July 3, 1914; Lando, July 3, 1914; Rosella, September 26, 1916; and Alvin, July 14, 1918.

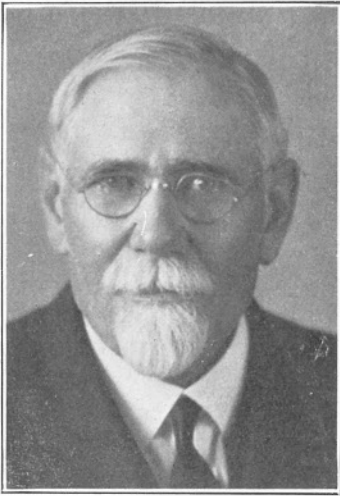
... He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.—HEBREWS 13:5-6.



ELIZABETH NEUFELD (WALL) WICHERT  
(Returned)  
Dinuba, California

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MRS. ELIZABETH NEUFELD (WALL) WICHERT, daughter of Rev. Peter Neufeld, was born on October 15, 1873 in the Ukraine. At the age of sixteen she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and in November of that same year she was baptized and accepted as a member of the Hillsboro M. B. Church. Her practical experience before entering mission work consists of teaching German school, helping along in church work and doing personal work. In 1898 she offered her service in foreign missions to the M. B. Conference and was accepted that same year. On July 4, 1899 she, together with Brother and Sister N. N. Hiebert sailed from New York for pioneer mission work in India. It was her privilege together with Sister Anna Suderman to be a member of the missionary staff at the time when the first Mennonite Brethren church among the Telugus was organized on March 27, 1904, under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Pankratz. She returned to the homeland in May, 1906. Some time after her return she was united in marriage to Peter Wall of Los Angeles, California but later moved to Fairmeade, California where she and Brother Wall had an active share in the work of the M. B. Church. After Brother Wall's death she returned to Los Angeles where she was actively engaged in the work of city missions and house visitations. On July 4, 1948 she was again united in bonds of holy matrimony, namely, to Rev. C. A. Wichert of Dinuba, California. They are residing in Dinuba at the present time.



REV. JOHN H. PANKRATZ  
(Pensioned)  
San Diego, California

*As for me, I will behold thy face  
in righteousness: I shall be satisfied,  
when I awake, with thy likeness. —*  
PSALMS 17:15.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JOHN H. PANKRATZ, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Pankratz, was born on January 14, 1867 at Iwanenky, South Russia. After completing his elementary school training he attended the Teachers Normal School, Emporia, Kansas during the school year of 1891-1892. In the fall of 1892 he enrolled at the Baptist Academy, Rochester, New York and was graduated in 1894. He continued his education in Rochester in the fall of 1894 when he entered the Baptist Theological Seminary where he continued his studies till 1897. While serving as missionary on the foreign field, he studied at the South India Missionary Language School from 1903 till 1905 when he passed the Telugu examination with distinction. His practical experience before entering foreign mission work consists of three years of evangelistic work in the M. B. Conference and pastoring the First Baptist Church of Allentown and Macungie, Pennsylvania. On September 7, 1899 Brother Pankratz was united in holy matrimony with Maria Harms at Hillsboro, Kansas. They were ordained for foreign mission work. In the fall of 1902 they set sail for India and arrived on the field on October 20 of that same year. It was through the efforts of Brother and Sister Pankratz that the first mission station of the American Mennonite Brethren Conference was established in India. It was also their privilege, together with Sisters Elizabeth Neufeld Wall Wichert and Anna Suderman Bergthold, to organize the first A. M. B. Church among the Telugus. Mr. Pankratz also ordained the first three ministers of the M. B. Mission in India. While they were home on their first furlough he taught in the Bible department of Tabor College during the School year of 1911-1912. They served in India up till September 1926. During their last term in India it pleased our Heavenly Father to call Mrs. Pankratz to her heavenly reward on January 25, 1941. Mr. Pankratz has five children, Rubina Leona born on July 30, 1900; John Ralph, December 22, 1903; Ernest Marvin, April 29, 1906; Linda Marie, September 29, 1908; and Waldo Edgar, June 19, 1911.

*I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.—PSALMS 116:1-2.*



MRS. DANIEL F. BERGTHOLD  
(Pensioned)  
Reedley, California

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MRS. ANNA SUDERMAN BERGTHOLD, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Suderman, was born on December 26, 1875, at Bingham Lake, Minnesota. She was converted at the age of eighteen and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church at Bingham Lake upon confession of faith and baptism. She received her education, beyond the elementary level, at the Chicago Light and Hope, Chicago Bible Institute and later also took some nurses training. In 1898 she, as an independent worker, left from New York for her first term in India. After Brother and Sister N. N. Hiebert and Sister Elizabeth Neufeld (Wall-Wichert) arrived in 1899 the M. B. Conference also asked Sister Suderman (Bergthold) to join the new missionaries and accepted her as a worker under the conference. She together with Sister Elizabeth Neufeld and Brother and Sister J. H. Pankratz organized the first M. B. Church among the Telugus on March 27, 1904. On June 20, 1916, she was married to Missionary Daniel F. Bergthold at Ootacamund, India. They labored in India for many years making their final return to America in 1946. Mrs. Bergthold was left alone when her husband departed to his Heavenly Home on October 25, 1948. At present, she is living in the Home for the Aged, Reedley, California. The Bergtholds have seven children: Viola born on August 17, 1903, by the first marriage; Lydia, March 3, 1907; Bertha, August 31, 1908; Martha, October 6, 1909; Abraham, September 5, 1915 (deceased, 1916); Henry D., August 3, 1914, by the second marriage; and Samuel G., October 21, 1918 by the third marriage.



MRS. JOHN H. VOTH  
(Pensioned)  
Hillsboro, Kansas

*How excellent is thy loving kindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.—PSALMS 36:7.*

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MRS. MARIA EPP VOTH, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Epp, was born at Mountain Lake, Minnesota, on January, 1881. Following her conversion at the age of twenty, she was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Carson M. B. Church, near Mountain Lake on June 23, 1901. After she finished her elementary training she studied at the Mountain Lake Bible School. Later she also did some work at the Moody Bible Institute. On August 18, 1907, she was married to John H. Voth at Mountain Lake. After having served the Lord together for almost one year they were ordained on July 5, 1908, at the Carson M. B. Church by Rev. Henry Voth and Rev. Abraham Schellenberg. On August 14, 1908, they left from Seattle, Washington, for their first term in India and returned via Seattle in July, 1916. They went out for a second term in 1918 and returned in 1925. Their third term lasted from 1927 till 1934. In August of 1937 they left from New York for their final term in India and returned via New York in 1942. Mrs. Voth has six children, Elizabeth Hulda was born on May 31, 1908; Sarah Elsie was born January 9, 1910; Menno John was born February 22, 1912; Theodore Henry was born January 11, 1916; Matilda Mary was born on November 10, 1917; and Hugo Ernest, born September, 1, 1920 (deceased, 1944).



*Because thou hast been my help,  
therefore in the shadow of thy wings  
will I rejoice. My soul followeth hard  
after thee, thy right hand upholdeth  
me.—PSALM 63:7-8.*



MRS. ELIZABETH JANZEN  
(Pensioned)  
Buhler, Kansas

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MRS. ELIZABETH DICKMAN JANZEN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter H. Dickman, was born on March 9, 1889, at Mountain Lake, Minnesota. She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour at the age of 16 and was baptized and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church at Mountain Lake on July 8, 1906. After she completed her elementary school training she enrolled at the Mountain Lake Academy and was graduated in 1906. Later she also studied at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. On August 25, 1907, she was married to Frank A. Janzen at Mountain Lake. They were ordained at Mountain Lake on September 14, 1910, by Rev. Henry Voth and Rev. N. N. Hiebert. On September 29, 1910, they left from New York for their first term in India and returned via San Francisco in June, 1919. They went out for a second term in October, 1920, and returned in March, 1928. In November, 1938 they left from New York for their last term in India and Mrs. Janzen returned in August, 1946. Mrs. Janzen has three children, Leander Frank born on September 20, 1908; Arnold Herbert born on July 31, 1912; and Edwin Herbert born on September 2, 1915.



MISS MARY C. WALL  
Devarakonda, India

*What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us.—ROM. 8:31.*

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS MARY C. WALL, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius A. Wall, was born on September 5, 1885, at Muensterberg, Sagradofka, South Russia. She was converted in January, 1908, and five months later she was baptized and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church Munich, North Dakota. Miss Wall's education beyond the grades consists of one year Normal School, after which she studied at Northwestern Bible School, Minneapolis, Minnesota, graduating in 1913. She continued her education by taking a special missionary course while in training at a General Hospital and later at a Maternity Hospital. Before going out to the foreign field she served the Lord in city mission work and in private nursing. She was ordained at Munich, North Dakota, in June, 1914, by Rev. David Dick and Rev. H. A. Neufeld. On June 26, 1915, she left San Francisco, California for her first term in India and returned to New York March 1, 1923. Her second term lasted from November 6, 1924, till April, 1932. She went out for a third term on December 26, 1933, and returned on August 26, 1946. On November 28, 1947, she left San Francisco, California, for her fourth term in India where she is serving the Lord at the Devarakonda station.

*For as much as ye are manifestly declared to the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the fruit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God.—2 COR. 3:3-5.*



REV. AND MRS. JOHN H. LOHRENZ  
Shamshabad, India

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JOHN H. LOHRENZ, born on March 2, 1893, at Moundridge, Kansas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich Lohrenz. Mr. Lohrenz was converted at the age of fourteen and joined the Ebenfeld M. B. Church, near Hillsboro, Kansas, upon confession of faith and baptism. In 1911 he enrolled at Tabor College Academy, Hillsboro, Kansas, and was graduated from the college with an A.B. degree in the spring of 1918. In the fall of the same year he enrolled at Bluffton College and Mennonite Seminary, Bluffton, Ohio, and was graduated with a M.A. degree in May, 1919. After serving one term on the mission field, he enrolled at Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas, and was graduated with a B.D. degree in May, 1929. He served as part-time evangelist in the Southern District Conference during the winter of 1917-1918, and in the Central District in the winter of 1919-1920. He was married to Maria Klaassen on June 6, 1918, at Hillsboro, Kansas. They were ordained on May 9, 1920, at Hillsboro, Kansas by Rev. Johann Foth and Rev. J. H. Pankratz. On June 8, 1920, they left from San Francisco for their first term in India and returned via New York in March, 1928. They went out for a second term in September, 1929, and returned in April, 1936. Their third term lasted from November, 1937 till April, 1947. On March 21, 1950, they left from New York for their fourth term in India where they have served at the Shamshabad Station up to the present time.

MRS. MARIA KLAASSEN LOHRENZ, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Klaassen, was born on November 28, 1892, at Hillsboro, Kansas. She accepted Christ as her Lord and Saviour at the age of thirteen and was baptized and accepted as a member of the Gnadenu K. M. B. Church near Hillsboro the same year. She served the church as Sunday School teacher for many years. In 1911 she enrolled at Tabor College Academy, Hillsboro, Kansas, and was graduated in 1915. In 1917 she began nurses training at the Bethel Deaconess Hospital, Newton, Kansas. After her marriage to John H. Lohrenz in the summer of 1918, she accompanied her husband to Bluffton, Ohio where she attended Bluffton College and Mennonite Seminary for one year. During the time they were serving their first term on the mission field, she was graduated from Tabor College with an A.B. degree. During their first furlough, she enrolled at Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas, and was graduated with a B.D. degree in May, 1929. They first left for mission service in India on June 8, 1920.



MISS HELEN L. WARKENTIN  
Devarakonda, India

*O magnify the Lord with me, and  
let us exalt his name together. —*  
PSALMS 34:3.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS HELEN L. WARKENTIN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Warkentin, was born at Hoffnungsfeld, near Winkler, Manitoba, on November 25, 1887. She accepted Christ as her Lord and Saviour at the age of fifteen and was baptized and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church, Winkler, Manitoba, on July 17, 1904. She finished her studies at the Mennonite Collegiate Institute, Gretna, Manitoba, in 1915. Later she spent one year at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois. She was a faithful worker for the Lord in her home church and community. In December, 1919, she was ordained at Winkler, Manitoba, by Rev. David Dyck. In June, 1920, she left San Francisco, California, for her first term in India and returned in October, 1927 landing at Boston, Mass. She went out for a second term in June, 1929, and returned in April, 1937. Her third term lasted from November, 1938, till February, 1948. In March, 1950, she left from New York for her fourth term in India where she is serving the Master at the Devarakonda Station.

*So the heathen shall fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.*—PSALMS 102:15.



REV. AND MRS. PETER V. BALZER  
Devarakonda, India

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

PETER V. BALZER, born on May 22, 1891, at Inman, Kansas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Balzer. He was converted at the age of fifteen and joined the M. B. Church, Hooker, Oklahoma, upon confession of faith and baptism. He was a faithful worker in the home church and also did evangelistic work for two years. In 1914 he enrolled at Tabor College Academy, Hillsboro, Kansas, and was graduated from the college with an A.B. degree in the spring of 1920. A few years later he was graduated from Central Baptist Seminary with a Th.B. degree. During their second furlough, he enrolled at Phillip's University, Enid, Oklahoma, and was graduated with a M.A. degree in May of 1945. He was married to Elizabeth Kornelsen on January 1, 1922, at Henderson, Nebraska. They were ordained as missionaries in 1923 at Hooker, Oklahoma, by Rev. H. W. Lohrenz and Rev. H. H. Flaming. In the same year, they left San Francisco for their first term in India and returned via New York in 1930. Their second term lasted from 1934 till 1942. In 1945 they left from Baltimore for their third term in India where they are laboring at the Devarakonda Station.

MRS. ELIZABETH KORNELSEN BALZER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Kornelsen, was born January 2, 1910, at Henderson, Nebraska. She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour at the age of thirteen and was baptized and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church, Henderson, Nebraska. She received part of her high school education at the Henderson High School and finished it at Tabor College Academy in 1921. She continued her education, together with her husband, at Central Baptist Seminary some years later. They first left for missionary service in India in 1923.



REV. JOHN A. WIEBE AND FAMILY  
Mahbubnagar, India

*Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.—II COR. 2:14.*

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JOHN A. WIEBE, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wiebe, was born on March 29, 1900, at Bingham Lake, Minnesota. Realizing his lost condition, he accepted Christ as his Lord and Saviour at the age of fifteen. One year later he was baptized and received as a member of the Carson M. B. Church at Delft, Minnesota. After graduating from the Tabor College Academy in 1920, he continued his education at Tabor College, receiving the A.B. degree in 1925. After serving one term on the mission field, he spent the school year of 1935-1936 at Dallas Theological Seminary and three summers at Winona School of Theology. While on furlough the second time, he studied at North Western Theological Seminary and was graduated with the B.D. degree in 1948. The following year he received the M.A. degree from the Minnesota State University. He was married to Viola Bergthold on June 1, 1926, at Hillsboro, Kansas. They spent the first year of their married life in evangelistic work. They were ordained at the Carson M. B. Church, Delft, Minnesota, on June 19, 1927. On August 18, 1927, they left from Quebec, Canada, for their first term in India and returned via New York in June, 1935. They went out for the second term on December 16, 1936, and returned in September, 1946. He has served as instructor at Tabor College during the two years 1949 to 1951.

MRS. VIOLA BERGTHOLD WIEBE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Bergthold, was born on August 17, 1903, at Buhler, Kansas. She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour at the age of thirteen. Two years later she was baptized at Nagarkurnool, India, and received as a member of the Carson M. B. Church, Delft, Minnesota. She received part of her high school education at the Hebron High School for Missionary Children in India. After graduating from the Tabor College Academy in 1923, she continued her education at Tabor College, receiving the A.B. degree in 1926. She served the Lord and the church in teaching Sunday School and Bible classes. On June 1, 1926, she was united in holy matrimony to John A. Wiebe. They spent the first year of their married life in evangelistic work. They first left for missionary work in India on August 18, 1927. She has continued her education while on furlough, spending one summer at Colorado University, Boulder, Colorado, and also did some work at the Winona School of Theology. The Wiebes have seven children. Esther Eunice born on July 5, 1928; John Clement born on August 17, 1930; Viola Ruth born on April 22, 1932; Irene Kathryn born on November 6, 1933; David Abraham born on August 17, 1937; Paul Daniel born on August 17, 1937; and Marilyn Susanne born on August 18, 1943.

*My soul, wait thou only upon God;  
for my expectation is from him. —*  
PSALMS 62:5.



MISS MARGARET SUDERMAN  
Wanaparthy, India

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS MARGARET SUDERMAN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Suderman, was born on April 10, 1902, at Altona, Manitoba, Canada. She was converted at the age of ten, and three years later on June 13, 1915, she was baptized and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church, Winkler, Manitoba. She received her secondary education in the Mennonite Collegiate Institute, Gretna, Manitoba. After completing her secondary education, she took up nurses' training in the General Hospital of Winnipeg where she received the R.N. degree in February, 1927. In the fall of that same year, Miss Suderman went to Chicago, Illinois where she worked in the Cook County Hospital during the day and attended Moody Bible Institute in the evening. Later she also studied at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. She was ordained on May 26, 1929, at Winkler, Manitoba, by Rev. Herman Neufeld. In June, 1929, she left Montreal, Quebec for her first term in India where she labored till February, 1936. Her second term lasted from 1938 till 1946. In the fall of 1947 she left San Francisco, California, for a third term in India where she has been serving at the Wanaparthy Station up to the present.





REV. J. N. C. HIEBERT AND FAMILY  
Mahbubnagar, India

*And all things are of God,  
who hath reconciled us to him-  
self by Jesus Christ, and hath  
given to us the ministry of re-  
conciliation.—2 COR. 5:18.*

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JOHN N. C. HIEBERT, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Hiebert of Hillsboro, Kansas, was born at Mountain Lake, Minnesota, on March 5, 1904. At the age of twelve he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. He joined the M. B. Church at Mountain Lake upon confession of faith and baptism on August 20, 1916. After completing his elementary training he enrolled at the Mountain Lake High School and was graduated in 1922. A few years later he attended the St. Paul Bible Institute and was graduated in 1926. In the fall of that same year he enrolled at the Minnesota University where he studied for two years. In order to better prepare himself for the work of foreign missions he studied at the Missionary Institute, Nyack, New York for one year. In the fall of 1928 he enrolled at Tabor College and was graduated with a Th.B. degree the following spring. After serving one term on the foreign mission field he enrolled at the Willamette University, Salem, Oregon in 1936 and was graduated with an A.B. degree in 1938. While he was home on his second furlough he spent the spring semester of 1943 at Bethel Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. During the summer of 1945 and 1946 as well as the spring semester of 1947, Mr. Hiebert studied at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, where he received the A.M. degree. He was united in holy matrimony with Anna Jungas on August 9, 1927 at Mountain Lake. Brother Hiebert's practical experience consists of one year evangelistic work and three years of pastoral work. The Hieberts were ordained on July 7, 1929 at Mountain Lake by Rev. J. H. Pankratz. On July 25, 1929, they left from New York for their first term in India

MRS. ANNA JUNGAS HIEBERT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jungas, was born on August 2, 1906, at Mountain Lake, Minnesota. At the age of twelve she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour, and on September 7, 1919 she joined the M. B. Church of Mountain Lake upon confession of faith and baptism. After graduating from the Mountain Lake High School in 1924 she enrolled at the St. Paul Bible Institute and was graduated in 1927. Later she took up nurses training at the Bethel Hospital, Mountain Lake, but discontinued her training after six months. After her marriage to John N. C. Hiebert in the summer of 1927, she accompanied her husband to Nyack, New York, where they studied at the Missionary Institute for one year. They were ordained in the summer of 1929 at Mountain Lake by Rev. J. H. Pankratz. They first left for mission service in India on July 25, 1929. The Hieberts have nine children, Phyllis Jean born on July 15, 1928; Grace Luella, November 10, 1929; Helen Suzanne, May 19, 1931 (deceased in January, 1932); Paul Gorden, November 13, 1932; Elizabeth Ann, August 9, 1934; Gwendolyn Jeanette, September 29, 1936; Joanne Ruth, November 30, 1937; Margarete Suzanne, January 6, 1943; and Lois Kathleen, July 29, 1949.

and returned via San Francisco in March, 1936. They went out for a second term in October, 1938 and returned in July, 1942. On November 29, 1947, they left from San Francisco for their third term in India where they are working at the Mahbubnagar Station.



*For though I preach the gospel I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!—I COR. 9:16.*



REV. JACOB J. DICK AND FAMILY  
Wanaparthy, India

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JACOB J. DICK, born at Schoenbrunn, South Russia, April 19, 1904, is the son of Brother and Sister John Dick. Brother Dick was converted at eighteen and joined the M. B. Church at Lichtfeld, Russia upon confession of faith and baptism. He attended Zentralschule and Bible School in Russia. On June 30, 1925, he was married to Anna Berg at Alexanderkron, Russia. Brother and Sister Dick spent the winters in evangelistic work and visiting the scattered Christians. In 1933 they fled from Russia through China to India. They began work with the M. B. missionaries at Kalvakurty in 1934. In 1936 the Conference accepted them as full-time missionaries. They came to Canada for furlough in April, 1939. During this time they attended Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta. Brother Dick also attended the M. B. Bible College at Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 1950 during the second furlough. They were ordained at Coaldale, Alberta, on May 20, 1940, by Brother B. B. Janz. Brother and Sister Dick left San Francisco September 4, 1941, for their second term of service in India where they worked faithfully on the Wanaparthy field. On May 4, 1949, they returned to New York for their second furlough. They resided in Winnipeg, Manitoba, for one year and in the fall of 1950 they moved to Hillsboro, Kansas, where Brother Dick took classes at Tabor College.

MRS. ANNA BERG DICK was born at Alexanderkron, South Russia, on July 18, 1904, to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Berg. She was converted at the age of eighteen and joined the M. B. Church at Lichtfeld, Russia, the same year. Mrs. Dick taught Sunday Schools while in Russia, often meeting secretly in the forest. After their flight from Russia, they took up mission work in India. The Dicks have seven children, as follows: Helga Anne (Mrs. Graham Upham) born March 24, 1926; Helen Eleanor, born July 31, 1933; Margaret Grace, born August 7, 1935; Herold John, born October 6, 1937; Paul David, born December 1, 1939; William Robert, born April 15, 1942; Elizabeth Ann, born July 13, 1947; and one son-in-law, Graham Upham.



REV. ABRAM A. UNRUH AND FAMILY  
Gadwal, India

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.—PSALM 121:1-2.*

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ABRAM A. UNRUH, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Unruh of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, was born in Russia on October 20, 1903. Rev. Unruh was converted at the age of sixteen in 1919 and baptized in 1920, at Crimea, South Russia. In 1924 Mr. Unruh moved, with his parents, to Winkler Manitoba, Canada, and became a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church of Winkler, Manitoba, upon his confession of faith. Mr. Unruh attended high school and commerce school in Russia. Then in 1928 he graduated from the Winkler Bible School, Winkler, Manitoba. In 1944 he was graduated from Toronto Bible College, Toronto, Ontario, and was graduated with his Th. B. and A. B., in 1945, from Tabor College. On October 21, 1926, he was united in holy matrimony to Annie Enns of Winkler, Manitoba. Before they set sail for India the first time, leaving from New York in December, 1936, they were ordained by Rev. H. W. Lohrenz and Rev. H. S. Voth in the M. B. Church at Winkler. In July, 1942, they set sail for New York from Bombay. Their first furlough extended from 1942 to 1946. The Unruhs started their second term of service March, 1946, leaving from Seattle, Washington, and have labored faithfully on the Gadwal Station of the M. B. Conference in India until the present time.

MRS. ANNIE ENNS UNRUH, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Enns, was born in Winkler, Manitoba in 1900. She was converted at an early age and was accepted into the Mennonite Brethren Church of Winkler, Manitoba. Mr. and Mrs. Unruh were ordained by the Brethren H. W. Lohrenz and H. S. Voth in Winkler, Manitoba, in the year 1936. In December, 1936, the Unruhs, together with four children, left for India from New York and returned again in July, 1942, from Bombay via New York. After their extended furlough of four years, they again left for the shores of India and the field of labor, Gadwal, in 1946, leaving from Seattle, Washington. The Unruhs have five children: The oldest, Margaret Jane, was born on November 12, 1928, in Winkler, Manitoba; Kathryn Irma, December 5, 1929, in Winkler, Manitoba; Helen Joyce, October 23, 1932, Saskatchewan; Louise May, March 19, 1934, Saskatchewan; and Donald John, April 19, 1939, Ootacumund, India.

*For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.—I TIM. 2:3-4.*



MISS ANNA SUDERMAN  
Wanaparthy, India

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS ANNA SUDERMAN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Suderman, was born at Kirk, Colorado, on April 9, 1902. At the age of fourteen she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and three years later, on May 13, 1919, she was baptized and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church Gladwin, Michigan. Miss Suderman did her college preparatory work at the Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, Michigan and was graduated in 1926. In the fall of 1929 she enrolled at Moody Bible Institute for one year. A few years later it was her privilege to study at Tabor College where she received a Th.B. degree in May, 1938. After spending one term on the foreign mission field she went to Oklahoma and took a 3 months course with the Wycliffe Bible Translators. In her practical experience Miss Suderman majored in childrens work: Teaching in Daily Vacation Bible Schools, Sunday Schools, and six years in public schools; she also spent three summers working in a Jewish-Christian Fresh Air Camp. She was ordained as foreign missionary on September 4, 1938, at Gladwin, by Rev. George Warkentin and Rev. J. H. Pankratz. She left from New York City on November 19, 1938, for her first term of service in India and returned via San Francisco on August 25, 1946. On May 29, 1948, she left from New York for a second term and is at present serving as teacher in the school at the Wanaparthy Station.



MISS HELEN HARDER  
Shamshabad, India

*For I determined not to know any things among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.—1 COR. 2:2.*

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS HELEN HARDER, R.N., was born at Fischau, Taurida, Russia, on February 20, 1919. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich P. Harder, Winkler, Manitoba. Together with her parents she moved to Canada at the age of six, settling at Winkler, Manitoba. She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour at the age of ten and became a member of the Gnadenthal M. B. Church by baptism six years later. After completing Grade XII at Winkler Collegiate she began nurses training at the St. Boniface School of Nursing, Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 1939, and was graduated with the R.N. degree in May, 1942. During the school year of 1943-44 she attended Winkler Bible School, and feeling a definite call from the Lord to serve Him in a foreign land, she made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on May 11, 1945. She was ordained as foreign missionary by the M. B. Church, Gnadenthal, Manitoba, on January 20, 1946. Miss Harder sailed for India from the port of Seattle, Washington on February 18, 1946. She has been active as a medical worker on the Shamshabad Station since her arrival on the field.

*Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth.—PSALMS 57:5.*



REV. JULIUS J. KASPER  
Nagarkurnool, India

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JULIUS J. KASPER was born at Petrovka, Russia, on February 6, 1915. In 1939 he joined the M. B. Church, Herbert, Saskatchewan, upon confession of faith and baptism. Ever since his youth he had a desire to go to India. During the years of 1931-34 Mr. Kasper attended the Herbert Bible School. In 1937 he continued his education at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, graduating with the Th.G. degree in 1941. He spent four years teaching in the Herbert Bible School. On June 1, 1941, he was united in marriage to Eva Malinda Block who was taken from his side by death by accidental drowning on October 21, 1950. Their marriage was blessed with two sons: Jackie, born on May 11, 1942, and Julius, Jr., born on September 12, 1945. Julius, Jr. also lost his life in the Krishna River, India, with his mother on October 21, 1950. Mr. and Mrs. Kasper were accepted for service in India by the M. B. Board of Foreign Mission in the fall of 1942 and ordained to that ministry on August 23, 1942 by the Herbert, Saskatchewan M. B. Church. On February 18, 1946 they left Seattle for the mission field in India where Mr. Kasper has had charge of the Nagarkurnool Station.



MISS EMMA LEPP  
Shamshabad, India

*.... Be strong, all ye people of the  
land, saith the Lord, and work: for I  
am with you, saith the Lord of hosts.*  
—HAGGAI 2:4.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS EMMA LEPP, born at Dalmeny, Saskatchewan on February 14, 1917, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lepp, Dalmeny. She was converted at the age of thirteen and joined the M. B. Church at Dalmeny upon confession of faith and baptism. From 1935-39 she attended Bethany Bible School, Hepburn, Saskatchewan, and it was during these years that she felt the call of God to enter into missionary work. After Bible School graduation she took her high school education at Hepburn High School. During the school year of 1942-43 Miss Lepp studied at Missionary Medical Institute, Toronto, Ontario. Further education was obtained at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, where she obtained the A.B. degree in 1945. In the summer of 1944 she attended the Summer Institute of Linguistics, Bacone College, Oklahoma. She made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on July 17, 1944, and was accepted for service in India. Miss Lepp was ordained on October 21, 1945 by the M. B. Church of Dalmeny, Saskatchewan. She left Seattle, Washington on February 18, 1946, for India where she has served as teacher on the Shamshabad Station up to the present.

*My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.—2 COR. 12:9.*



MISS EDNA G. GERDES  
Gadwal, India

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS EDNA G. GERDES, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gerdes, Bingham Lake, Minnesota, was born at Bingham Lake on October 12, 1919. At the age of thirteen she was converted and became a member of the Bingham Lake M. B. Church by baptism. Miss Gerdes had a desire to be a foreign missionary from the time she was a little girl, but it was not until her second year at St. Paul Bible Institute that she yielded her life completely into the Lord's hands. During the years 1938-40 she attended the Mountain Lake Bible School. From 1940-44 she studied at the St. Paul Bible Institute receiving a theology diploma in May, 1944. The following year she enrolled at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, and graduated with the Th.G. degree in May, 1945. She pursued further studies at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois, during the school year of 1945-46. On May 23, 1945, she made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions and was accepted as a candidate to India. Miss Gerdes was ordained as foreign missionary at the Bingham Lake M. B. Church on June 2, 1946 by Rev. A. E. Janzen, Rev. Wm. Neufeld, and Rev. Dan Friesen. She left from New York City on October 4, 1946 for her first term of service in India where she has worked faithfully on the Gadwal Station of the M. B. Mission until the present time.





MISS ROSELLA TOEWS  
Nagarkurnool, India

*God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah. That thy way may be known upon the earth, thy saving health among all nations.—PSALMS 67:1-2.*

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS ROSELLA TOEWS, R.N., born at Frazer, Montana, on March 25, 1920 is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Toews, Frazer. Miss Toews spent her childhood and youth in the Frazer community. She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour at the age of twelve and was baptized upon the confession of her faith and accepted in the Lustre M. B. Church three years later. After attending the Lustre Bible School from 1935 to 1937, she continued her education at Glasgow High School, from which she graduated in 1941. On September 1, 1942, she enrolled at the Northwestern School of Nursing. During the course of her nurses' training she felt the call of the Lord to go out as a medical missionary. She received her R.N. degree on September 2, 1945. Two months previous to her graduation, she made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions and was accepted for service in India. She attended Tabor College from October, 1945, to May, 1946. On June 9, 1946, she was ordained as foreign missionary at the M. B. Church of Lustre, Montana by Rev. A. E. Janzen, Rev. Arthur Flaming and Rev. J. J. Toews. Miss Toews left from New York City on October 4, 1946, for her first term of service in India. She worked faithfully as teacher on the Devarakonda Station until 1950 when she transferred to the Nagarkurnool Station to take charge of the medical work there.



*Let your light so shine before men,  
that they may see your good works,  
and glorify your Father which is in  
heaven.—MATT. 5:16.*



MISS MARGARET WILLEMS  
Gadwal, India

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS MARGARET WILLEMS, R.N., was born on December 9, 1907, at Rosthern, Saskatchewan, to Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich Willems. With her conversion at nineteen came the call for service which led her to Dalmeny Bible School, Dalmeny, Saskatchewan, where she completed the three-year course. Further education was obtained at Langham High School, Langham, Saskatchewan, Winkler Bible School, Winkler, Manitoba, and St. Boniface Hospital Training School, St. Boniface, Manitoba. She received the R. N. degree in 1939. She took many opportunities to witness for the Lord to her patients and also had some experience in Sunday School teaching. On December 28, 1945, she made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for service in India and was accepted for that field. Miss Willems is a member of the M. B. Church at Steinbach, Manitoba and was ordained there in the summer of 1946. She left from New York City for her first term on the India field on October 4, 1946 and is at present in charge of the medical work on the Gadwal field.



REV. HERMAN H. WARKENTIN AND FAMILY  
Kalvakurty, India

*But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb; and called me by his grace, to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; . . . GAL. 1:15-16.*

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

HERMAN H. WARKENTIN was born at Dinuba, California, on June 20, 1917. His parents are Rev. and Mrs. Henry K. Warkentin, Pasadena, California. At the age of eight he was converted and was baptized upon confession of faith. Mr. Warkentin received his education at various institutions and holds the following degrees: Bachelor of Sacred Music, 1939, from the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, California; Bachelor of Theology, 1941, Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas; Bachelor of Arts, 1942, Westmont College, Los Angeles, California; Bachelor of Divinity, 1945, and Master of Theology, 1946, Los Angeles Baptist Seminary, Los Angeles, California. He surrendered to the call of God while attending Bible Institute and his enthusiasm in missionary activities grew as he continued his educational preparation. He was married to Beatrice Koop on September 25, 1941. They labored at the South Side Mission, Minneapolis, Minnesota, in the summer of 1942 and later gained teaching experience at Zoar Bible Academy, Inman, Kansas. On March 20, 1945, they applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions and were accepted to serve on the India field. They were ordained as foreign missionaries by the Los Angeles M. B. Church in October, 1946, and on December 23, 1946, they left from San Francisco for their

MRS. BEATRICE RUBENA KOOP WARKENTIN, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Koop, Atwater, California, was born at Enid, Oklahoma, on November 17, 1922. Soon after her conversion at twelve she was baptized and taken into the Enid M. B. Church as a member. She received her high school diploma from Tabor College Academy, Hillsboro, Kansas in 1941. During the school year of 1942-43 she took some college courses at Westmont College, Los Angeles, California. Her practical experience includes teaching Daily Vacation Bible School, assisting her father in evangelistic meetings, and taking opportunities to witness in personal work. The Mission Band of Tabor College was a great influence to her in considering missionary service.

The family consists of one daughter and three sons. Sharon Beatrice was born on February 24, 1943; Paul Henry on August 4, 1944; John joined the family circle on February 7, 1947; and Kenneth on August 31, 1950. Henry David, born on December 10, 1948, went to his heavenly home on March 15, 1950 at the age of fifteen months.

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field of service. At present Mr. Warkentin supervises the Kalvakurty field of the M. B. Mission.

*I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.—PSALMS 27:13-14.*



MISS MARY DOERKSEN  
Kalvakurty, India

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS MARY DOERKSEN, R.N., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Doerksen on November 24, 1912, at Brasel, South Russia. At the age of seven she accepted the Lord Jesus as her personal Saviour. The following year the family immigrated to Canada. When she was seventeen, her parents passed away which made it impossible for her to continue her education. During this time while she was employed in housework, as well as later during nurses' training, Miss Doerksen took many opportunities to witness in doing personal work. In 1941 the way opened for her to enter the Catholic Training School for Nurses at the St. Joseph's Hospital, Winnipeg. After graduating in 1944, she seriously began to consider missionary service and on August 17, 1945, she sent her application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions. She was accepted for India in October, 1946. Her ordination by the North End M. B. Church, Winnipeg, took place on June 22, 1947 by Rev. H. S. Voth, Rev. A. E. Janzen and Rev. P. J. Kornelsen. Miss Doerksen left from San Francisco on November 28, 1947, for her first term of service in India.



MISS MILDRED ENNS  
Nagarkurnool, India

*God is my strength and power:  
and he maketh my way perfect.—2*  
SAM. 22:33.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS MILDRED ENNS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Enns, Elm Creek, Manitoba was born at Winkler, Manitoba on November 27, 1921. She was converted at the age of nine and became a member of the Winkler M. B. Church by baptism six years later. Her secondary education was taken at Altona High School, Winkler High School, Winnipeg Normal School and Winkler Bible School. Her practical experience includes teaching Bible in day schools for 3½ years, teaching Sunday School and Daily Vacation Bible School, tract distribution and home visitations. During the school year of 1943-44 she attended Winkler Bible School in order to receive more light on the matter of missions. She made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on August 15, 1946 and was accepted as a missionary to India. Her ordination by the Newton Siding M. B. Church, Manitoba took place on July 13, 1947. Miss Enns left the homeland from the port of San Francisco on November 28, 1947 and is serving faithfully as teacher in India.

*How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him that bringeth good  
tidings, that publisheth peace; that  
bringeth good tidings of good, that  
publisheth salvation; . . . . ISAIAH 52:7.*



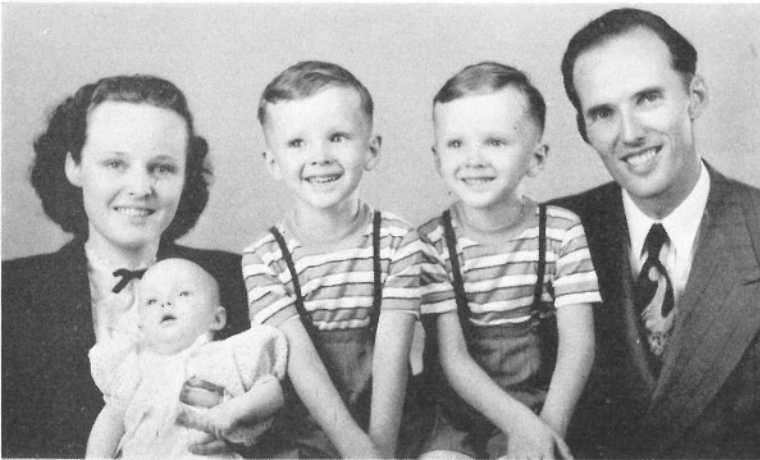
REV. DILWYN B. STUDEBAKER AND FAMILY  
Wanaparthy, India

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

DILWYN B. STUDEBAKER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Browning Studebaker, Fresno, California, was born on October 12, 1918, at Divernon, Illinois. At the age of eight he made a public confession of faith and was baptized nine years later. He entered high school with a view of preparing for missionary service. He attended Swedish Free Church Academy, Chicago, Illinois, during the years of 1931-33, Nicholas Senior High School, Chicago, Illinois, from 1933-35, receiving the high school diploma in June, 1935. During the school year of 1935-36 he continued his studies at North Park Junior College, Chicago, Illinois, and the following year at Modesto Junior College, Modesto, California. Further education was obtained at Fresno State Teachers College, Fresno, California, St. Paul Bible Institute, St. Paul, Minnesota; Westmont College, Los Angeles, California, where he earned the A.B. degree in 1944; Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana; and Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. He was graduated with the B.D. degree from Tabor College in May, 1948. Mr. Studebaker was united in holy matrimony to Mildred Lucille Heinrichs on June 3, 1944. They made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for missionary service on August 8, 1946, and were accepted for the field in Colombia but reassigned to India on November 5, 1948. On July 18, 1948, they were ordained as foreign missionaries by the M. B. Church at Reedley, California. They left New Orleans on March 22, 1949, and are at present stationed on the Wanaparthy field of the M. B. Mission in India.

MRS. LUCILLE HEINRICHS STUDEBAKER was born to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Heinrichs at Dinuba, California, on October 5, 1903. At the age of nine she found Christ as her personal Saviour and on April 25, 1938, was baptized and taken into the membership of the Reedley M. B. Church. After she was saved she felt the call to the mission field. She graduated from Reedley High School on June 10, 1941, and received the A.A. degree from Reedley Junior College in June, 1943. During the school year of 1943-44 she studied at Westmont College, Los Angeles, California. While her husband attended Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana, she also took a few courses. She was an active church worker, taking part in Sunday School and musical service.

The Studebakers have two children. Judith Jeanne arrived on March 13, 1945, and her brother, Keith Eugene, on February 23, 1951.



REV. ERNEST E. SCHMIDT AND FAMILY  
Mahbubnagar, India

*Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.—ISAIAH 26:4.*

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ERNEST EDWARD SCHMIDT is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Schmidt, Mennon, Saskatchewan. He was born at Mennon, Sask. on November 12, 1916. From childhood he had a desire to be a missionary. At the age of 21 he accepted Christ as his Saviour and at the same time dedicated his life for Christian service. The following summer he was baptized and received into the M. B. Church at Dalmeny, Saskatchewan. During the school years 1933-34 and 1938-39 he attended Bethany Bible School, Hepburn, Saskatchewan. Further education was obtained at Saskatchewan Normal School, the University of Saskatchewan, and Pacific Bible Institute, Fresno, California. He has been active in Sunday School teaching, young people's work, and personal work, and has had four years of public and high school teaching experience. Mr. Schmidt was united in holy matrimony to Evelyn Nettie Strauss on August 4, 1943. They made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for missionary service in 1946 and were accepted as candidates for India. Their ordination by the Saskatoon M. B. Church took place in August, 1949. They sailed from New York on December 30, 1949, and are stationed at Mahbubnagar where Mr. Schmidt is serving in the teaching capacity.

MRS. EVELYN NETTIE SCHMIDT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Strauss, Hepburn, Saskatchewan, was born at Hepburn on May 21, 1923. Following her conversion at the age of ten, she was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Hepburn M. B. Church. She graduated from Hepburn High School in 1941 and during the school year 1941-42 she attended Bethany Bible School in Hepburn. She received her call for foreign missions while in Bible School and the following summer went out to do mission work under the Western Children's Mission. She has had special training in piano, voice, and practical nursing.

Garry Keith and Garth David were born on June 24, 1944 and Judith Arlene on April 5, 1949.

*And they that know thy name will  
put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord,  
hast not forsaken them that seek thee.*

—PSALMS 9:10.



REV. AND MRS. TED FAST  
Devarakonda, India

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

THEADOR F. FAST, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard K. Fast, Dallas, Oregon, was born at Paxton, Nebraska on March 8, 1924. He was converted at the age of thirteen and joined the M. B. Church of Paxton upon confession of faith and baptism. The family moved to Dallas, Oregon in 1941. Here he graduated from high school in 1942. He attended the Multnomah School of the Bible from September, 1942 till March, 1943. On September 7, 1945 he was united in matrimony to Esther Heinrichs. They made their home in Fresno, California, where they attended the Pacific Bible Institute. Mr. Fast was also active in personal gospel work while in Bible training. During this time he felt the call to foreign missions work. He graduated with a Th.G. degree from Pacific Bible Institute in June, 1948. The Fasts applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in March, 1948, and were accepted for service in India in October, 1949. The Fasts were ordained on October 8, 1950 at Dallas, Oregon by Rev. Dan Friesen and Rev. G. H. Janzen. They left Seattle, Washington on January 23, 1951 and arrived at Madras, India on the 18th of March, 1951.

MRS. ESTHER HEINRICHS FAST was born on October 11, 1923 at Volt, Montana. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Heinrichs, Dallas, Oregon. The family moved to Oregon in 1936. Shortly after their arrival in Oregon, she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour, was baptized and received into the M. B. Church, Dallas, Oregon. Ever since her conversion she has been burdened for mission work. She felt the call to go to Bible School to equip herself for the Lord's work. After her marriage to Ted Fast on September 7, 1945, they enrolled at the Pacific Bible Institute, Fresno, California. She graduated from a general Bible course in 1947. Mrs. Fast had received practical experience in Daily Vacation Bible School work in Fresno and neighboring places.





MISS FRIEDA NEUFELD  
Devarakonda, India

*For ye shall not go out with haste,  
nor go by flight: for the Lord will go  
before you: and the God of Israel will  
be your reward.—ISAIAH 52:12.*

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS FRIEDA NEUFELD, R.N., daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Heinrich P. Neufeld, Vancouver, British Columbia, was born at Herbert, Saskatchewan on January 11, 1918. She was converted at the age of ten and joined the M. B. Church of Herbert, Saskatchewan by baptism. During the school year of 1935-36 she attended Herbert Bible School, Herbert, Saskatchewan. In 1937 the family moved to Vancouver, British Columbia, where she took work in the city. She was able to take "Home Nursing" and "First Aid" courses in night school during this time. In 1942 she commenced Bible training at Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta where she continued studies until April 3, 1945, receiving her diploma for the course of Bible and Missionary Training. Throughout the years at school the burden for missionary work that she had felt since childhood was greatly multiplied. In January, 1947, she entered nurses training at the St. Paul Hospital, Vancouver, British Columbia, and was graduated with the R.N. degree in the spring of 1950. She studied at Mennonite Brethren Bible College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, from October to December, 1950. During the years of preparation for missionary service, Miss Neufeld has been active in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teaching, practical nursing, personal work and house visitations. She made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on May 15, 1945. On August 13, 1950 she was ordained as foreign missionary at the M. B. Church of Vancouver, British Columbia. Miss Neufeld left Seattle, Washington, on January 23, 1951 for her first term in India.



*For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.—II COR. 4:6.*



DR. AND MRS. JAKE FRIESEN  
Hyderabad, India

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JAKE FRIESEN, M.D., was born at Inola, Oklahoma on March 19, 1920. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob W. Friesen, Hillsboro, Kansas. The Lord saved him at an early age and in 1935 he was baptized and accepted into the fellowship of the Inola M. B. Church. Following high school graduation he attended the Corn Bible School, Corn, Oklahoma one year. In the fall of 1940 he enrolled at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas where he completed the requirements for an A.B. degree in the spring of 1944. One semester was spent at Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas. He definitely felt that the Lord wanted to use him as a medical missionary and the way opened for him in November, 1945, to enter the University of Kansas at Lawrence. He applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on March 14, 1946. He received the M.D. degree from the School of Medicine, University of Kansas, on June 5, 1950. On June 22, 1950 he was married to Ruth Berg and on July 1 began his work of Internship in the Fresno General Hospital, Fresno, California. The Friesens are to go to the mission field in India under the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in 1951, the Lord willing.

MRS. RUTH BERG FRIESEN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Berg, was born at Inola, Oklahoma on January 24, 1923. At the age of eleven she accepted the Lord Jesus as her personal Saviour and the following year was baptized and accepted into the M. B. Church at Inola, Oklahoma. Her secondary education was obtained at Corn Bible Academy, Corn, Oklahoma; Inola High School, Inola, Oklahoma; Bible Institute of Los Angeles, California; Reedley College, Reedley, California, and School of Nursing, Fresno General Hospital, Fresno, California. She received her R.N. degree on April 9, 1951. She was united in holy matrimony to Jake Friesen on June 22, 1950.



MISS REGINA SUDERMAN  
Hyderabad, India

*Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvelously for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you.—HABAKKUK 1:5.*

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS REGINA SUDERMAN, R.N., is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham P. Suderman, Reedley, California. She was born at Dinuba, California, on April 18, 1920. At the age of fifteen she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour and was baptized and received into the Reedley M. B. Church. Miss Suderman was granted the A.A. degree from Reedley Junior College, Reedley, California in 1941. The next three years were spent at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. In 1939 she surrendered her life to Christ for missionary service and the conviction that the Lord wanted her to go to the foreign field was deepened while attending Bible Institute. To equip herself for medical service she entered the School of Nursing, General Hospital, Fresno, California on February 10, 1945 and was graduated on January 23, 1948. While in nurses training as well as while working as a graduate nurse, she has had many opportunities to witness to patients and co-workers in the hospital. Other practical experience includes child evangelism and Sunday School work. Miss Suderman applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on July 4, 1949 and was accepted for service in India. She was ordained as foreign missionary at the Reedley M. B. Church on August 27, 1950, by Rev. J. B. Toews, Rev. B. J. Braun and Rev. H. R. Weins. She studied at the Pacific Bible Institute, Fresno, California during the spring semester, 1950, and Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas during the spring of 1951.

*Commit thy way unto the Lord;  
trust also in him; and he shall bring it  
to pass.—PSALM 37:5.*



HERBERT L. KRAUSE AND FAMILY  
Kodaikanal, India

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

HERBERT L. KRAUSE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter R. Krause, was born on October 21, 1917, at Liberal, Kansas. He accepted Christ as his personal Saviour at the age of fourteen. Four years later, in April, 1935, he was baptized and accepted as a member of the Nazarene Church in Rogers, Arkansas. In 1940 he was accepted as a member of the M. B. Church at Paxton, Nebraska. After having completed his elementary education he enrolled at the Hillsboro High School, Hillsboro, Kansas, and was graduated in 1938. In the fall of that same year he entered Tabor College and was graduated with an A.A. degree in 1940. He continued his education at Fresno State College, Fresno, California, in 1947 and was graduated with an A.B. degree in 1949. He was united in marriage with Rosella Flaming on December 27, 1940, at Reedley, California. Mr. Krause's practical experience before going to the foreign field consists of teaching Sunday School and public school. The Krauses felt the call to teach in India in 1947 and made application to the Board of Foreign Missions on October 8, 1949. They sailed for India in March, 1950, where Mr. Krause is on the teaching staff of the Kodaikanal School, South India.

• MRS. ROSELLA FLAMING KRAUSE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew B. Flaming of Reedley, California, was born on November 8, 1921, at Paxton, Nebraska. She was converted at the age of twelve and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church at Paxton on October 6, 1935 upon confession of faith and baptism. After having completed her elementary education she enrolled at the Madrid High School, Madrid, Nebraska, and was graduated in May, 1939. In the fall of that same year she enrolled at Tabor College where she studied for one year. On December 27, 1940, she was united in holy matrimony with Herbert L. Krause at Reedley, California. Her practical experience before going to the foreign field consists of teaching in Sunday Schools, Immanuel Bible School, and working in the Christian Fellowship on the West Coast. They sailed for India in March, 1950, where Mrs. Krause is serving as matron at Bruton, the Kodaikanal M. B. Mission Boarding for Missionary Children. Mr. and Mrs. Krause have one child, Lynden Dale, born on June 30, 1948.



*China . . .*



*Since 1911*



REV. AND MRS. P. D. KIEHN  
(Returned)  
Los Angeles, California

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?—PSALM 27:1.*

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

PETER B. KIEHN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel H. Kiehn was born at P. O. Rudna, Russia, on April 11, 1884. He was converted at the age of twenty and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church at Bessie, Oklahoma, upon confession of faith and baptism in September, 1904. In 1905 he wanted to start out for himself by going to stake a claim in Western Oklahoma, but before he could stake a claim he got acquainted with Miss Mary Karber, daughter of Julius Karber, to whom he was married that same year. In 1906 they felt the Lord definitely calling them to China. They faithfully obeyed that call in September, 1911, when they left for the mission field in China. They were ordained as foreign missionaries by the Balko M. B. Church in the summer of 1921 while they were home on furlough. After the death of his first wife Mr. Kiehn carried on the work alone until November 20, 1924, when he was united in marriage with Susie Anna Baltzer at Shanghai, China. After spending a lengthy furlough at home the Kiehns responded to the call of the Board of Foreign Missions to return to the needy field in China. They sailed from San Francisco July 30, 1946, but were obliged to return after two years of service because of Mr. Kiehn's serious illness. They docked in San Francisco December 11, 1948, and have been living in Los Angeles since that time.

MRS. SUSIE BALTZER KIEHN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter C. Baltzer was born at Hillsboro, Kansas on April 2, 1890. She was converted at an early age and baptized upon confession of faith in the finished work of Christ. She joined the M. B. Church of Hillsboro, Kansas where she was ordained as missionary in November, 1919. On November 20, 1940 she became the second helpmeet of Missionary P. D. Kiehn who had lost his first wife in China through death. They served the Lord in China for some time and then returned to America for an extended furlough. On July 30, 1946 they set sail for their final term in China. They returned to the homeland via San Francisco on December 11, 1948 and are now making their home in Los Angeles, California. The Kiehns have three children, Helen, born on June 12, 1908; Eva, born on November 3, 1910; and Lydia, born on July 13, 1913.

*Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.—ISAIAH 6:8.*



REV. AND MRS. P. P. BALTZER  
(Returned)  
McClusky, North Dakota

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

PETER P. BALTZER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter C. Baltzer, was born on February 2, 1886 at Hillsboro, Kansas. On June 12, 1912 he was united in holy matrimony with Lydia B. Myers at Elkhart, Indiana. In 1914 Rev. and Mrs. Baltzer, ordained as Foreign Missionaries to China, followed the call for service in China and returned from their first term in 1922. Their second and third terms were from 1924 to 1932 and again from 1934 to 1941. On May 30, 1947 they left from San Francisco for West China to labor under the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions. Due to political conditions they returned again in June, 1949 via Seattle, Washington. Rev. and Mrs. P. P. Baltzer are at the present serving the McClusky, North Dakota M. B. Church.

MRS. LYDIA A. MYERS BALTZER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Myers, was born at Elkhart, Indiana on April 6, 1887. On June 12, 1912 she became the helpmeet for Missionary P. P. Baltzer and together they served on the China field for 23 years, from 1914 to 1941. In May, 1947 they left from San Francisco for West China to labor under the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions, but returned again in June, 1949. The Baltzers have two children, Harold Eugene, born on January 25, 1918 at Isao Chow Fu, China, and Grace, 1926 (deceased, 1941, at the age of 15, at Shantung, China).



MISS BENA BARTEL  
*(Furlough)*  
 Hillsboro, Kansas

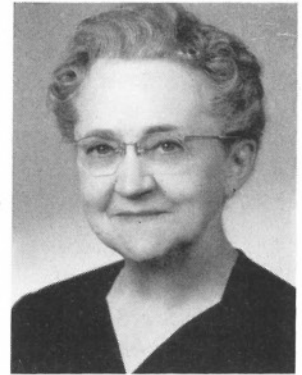
*For he satisfieth the longing soul,  
 and filleth the hungry soul with good-  
 ness. Sush as sit in darkness and in the  
 shadow of death, being bound in afflic-  
 tion and iron.—PSALMS 107:9-10.*

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS BENA BARTEL, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard H. Bartel, was born at Hillsboro, Kansas on December 28, 1892. At the age of fourteen she was convicted of sin and on May 4, 1907, she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour. Two years later she followed the Lord in baptism and was received as a member of the M. B. Church of Hillsboro, Kansas. In September, 1910, Miss Bartel enrolled at Tabor College Academy. In December of that same year it pleased the Lord to call her mother home to Himself and because of the duties of the home, Miss Bartel could not continue her studies. A few years later she returned to the Academy and graduated in May, 1916. She spent one year at Tabor College while at home on her first furlough and another year while on her third furlough. During the years of preparation for the foreign field she served the church and the Lord in teaching Bible Classes and doing personal work. In 1916 Miss Bartel sailed to Tsao Hsien, Shantung Province, China, where she laboured till 1923. Her second term lasted from 1924-1934 and her third term from 1935-1943. On July 3, 1946, she left New Orleans for another period of service in China where she has laboured faithfully till the present time.



*The angel of the Lord encampeth  
round about them that fear him, and  
delivereth them.—PSALM 34:7.*



MRS. BERNARD F. WIENS  
(Pensioned)  
Walla Walla, Washington

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MRS. SARAH LOHRENZ WIENS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lohrenz, was born on February 20, 1883, at Hampton, Nebraska. The Lord gave her the missionary call to China two years before her conversion which she experienced at the age of fourteen. After giving her testimony she was baptized and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church at Henderson, Nebraska. She received her elementary and high school education at Hampton, Nebraska. On October 23, 1903, she was married to Bernard F. Wiens at Hampton. In 1907 the M. B. Conference accepted them as its city missionaries. They conducted mission work at Hurley, Wisconsin, and in 1910 they began the South Side Mission, Minneapolis, Minnesota. After one year in Minneapolis they moved to Hillsboro, Kansas, where they continued their education at Tabor College. In 1916 the M. B. Conference accepted them as missionaries for India, but since they were unable to go to India at that time they went to China instead. They were ordained as foreign missionaries by the Henderson M. B. Church. On December 9, 1919, they sailed from San Francisco for the mission field in China. After a few short years of fruitful service Mr. Wiens was called to his heavenly reward on November 30, 1922. Mrs. Wiens continued the work until 1925 at which time she returned to America. At present Mrs. Wiens is residing at Walla Walla, Washington. Mrs. Wiens has five children, Frank Lohrenz, born on May 20, 1906; James Bernard on November 9, 1907 (deceased, 1907); Katharine on July 24, 1909; Alice Florence on May 30, 1912; and Robert Andrew on April 20, 1920.



MRS. JOHN S. DICK  
(Returned)  
Dinuba, California

*In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.—I JOHN 4:9.*

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MRS. JOHN S. (TINA HARDER) DICK was born in Hamilton County near Henderson, Nebraska where she spent her childhood days and early youth. It was also in this community where she received her early education. While attending the Moody Bible Institute she met John S. Dick to whom she was united in holy matrimony on October 10, 1918 at Henderson, Nebraska. On February 15, 1920, she was ordained, together with Mr. Dick, by Rev. P. E. Nickel and Rev. H. H. Flaming, and in that same year they followed the call for service at Shanhang, Fukien Province, South China and came home on furlough in 1927. Returning again to China in 1929 they labored in that field until 1931 when the political situation of South China made a change necessary. The K. M. B. Conference at Chotzesan, North China, at this time provided shelter and work, until 1935 when the Dicks returned to America. In 1941 the Board of Foreign Missions called them to Post Oak Mission, Indianoma, Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Dick began their service on January 10, 1941 and together they served for a little over a year. On March 19, 1942 it pleased the Lord to call Mr. Dick home to Himself and Mrs. Dick carried on the work alone until June, 1942 when new workers came to fill the vacancy and she was able to return to her home in Dinuba, California, where she is living at the present time. Mrs. Dick has three children, the oldest, Verna Hazel, was born on August 29, 1919; Vester John, September 9, 1922; and Wilma Catherine, May 28, 1926.

*O magnify the Lord with me, and  
let us exalt his name together.—PSALMS  
34:3.*



MISS SOPHIA RICHERT  
(Returned)  
Oakland, California

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS SOPHIA RICHERT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Richert, was born on April 5, 1893 at Goessel, Kansas. She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour at the age of twelve and was accepted as a member of the M. B. Church at Gotebo, Oklahoma on June 11, 1905 upon confession of faith and baptism. She received her Bible training at the Los Angeles Bible Institute and was graduated in 1918. Later she took up nurses' training at the Maternity Cottage Hospital, Los Angeles, California and was graduated in 1920. Before Miss Richert went out to the foreign field she was ordained at Reedley, California on July 31, 1921 by Rev. H. W. Lohrenz and Rev. D. C. Eitzen. On August 23, 1921 she sailed from San Francisco to the M. B. Mission field in China where she took up medical work at Eng Teng. After seven years of blessed service Miss Richert was obliged to return to the homeland because the political unrest in China made it impossible to carry on her work. She returned to her home via San Francisco on October 28, 1928 and is now serving in the Beulah Rest Home, Oakland, California.

MRS. HELEN HEPPNER QUIRING  
China 1920 - 1927  
(Returned)  
(Picture Not Available)

*O give thanks unto the Lord; call  
upon His name: make known his deeds  
among the people.—PSALM 105:1.*



MISS EMMA BARTEL  
*(Furlough)*  
 Hillsboro, Kansas

*. . . . I take pleasure in infirmities,  
 in reproaches, in necessities, in persecu-  
 tions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for  
 when I am weak, then am I strong.*  
 2 COR. 12:10.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS EMMA BARTEL, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard H. Bartel, was born at Hillsboro, Kansas on August 12, 1897. She was converted at the age of fourteen and was baptized and received into the M. B. Church of Hillsboro, Kansas. After finishing her high school training at Tabor College Academy, she took up nurses training. She was graduated from the Bethel School of Nursing, Newton, Kansas in 1922. Before she went out for foreign mission work, she served the Lord by taking care of the sick, ministering to their souls as well as their bodies. In 1924, Miss Bartel sailed to Tsao Hsien, Shantung Province, China, where she labored for ten years. Her second term in China lasted from 1935-1943. While Miss Bartel was on her second furlough, she studied at Tabor College during the school year of 1945-46. On July 3, 1946, she left New Orleans for China where she has been laboring under great difficulties, but faithfully serving Him who called her.

*Therefore, my beloved brethren,  
be ye steadfast, unmovable, always  
abounding in the work of the Lord,  
forasmuch as ye know that your labour  
is not in vain in the Lord. — I COR.  
15:58.*



MISS PAULINA FOOTE  
(Pensioned)  
Corn, Oklahoma

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS PAULINA FOOTE, daughter of Henry and Eva Block Foote, was born on November 13, 1891, at Marion, Kansas. She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour in January, 1909 and was baptized and received into the Corn M. B. Church on August 9, 1909. After her elementary education she attended and was graduated from the Tabor German-English Academy in May, 1916. In May, 1922 she was graduated from the Tabor College Bible Department and received her A.B. degree from Tabor College in 1925. She attended the Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas, where she received her Th.B. degree in May, 1932. Her practical work consists of teaching Sunday School for six years as well as other work in the Church. She was ordained on August 12, 1922 and left for her first term of service in China on October 17, 1922 from San Francisco returning in October, 1929 via Vancouver. She left for her second term of service from Vancouver in August, 1934 and returned via San Francisco in October, 1946. Miss Foote now resides at Corn, Oklahoma.



MISS ADELGUNDA PRIEB  
(Returned)  
Hillsboro, Kansas

*The Lord is good, a strong hold in  
the day of trouble; and he knoweth  
them that trust in him.—NAHUM 1:7.*

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS ADELGUNDA J. PRIEB, R.N., was born on January 25, 1892, at Hillsboro, Kansas to Mr. and Mrs. William Prieb. When Miss Prieb was fourteen years old she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour. On November 5, 1905, she was baptized and accepted as a member of the Gnadenau K. M. B. Church near Hillsboro. In 1912 she transferred her membership to the Hillsboro M. B. Church. After completing her elementary school training she enrolled at the Tabor College Academy and was graduated in the spring of 1918. In order to prepare herself better for foreign mission work she took up nurses training at the Bethel Hospital, Newton, Kansas, where she obtained the R.N. degree in 1922. Later she returned to Tabor College for further study and was graduated from the four-year bible course in the spring of 1926. Her practical experience before entering foreign mission work consists of teaching public school, and private and hospital nursing as well as personal work. She was ordained at Hillsboro in September, 1926, by Rev. H. W. Lohrenz. She left from Vancouver, British Columbia, for mission work in China on September 20, 1926. During her stay on the foreign field she took care of the medical work in Shanghang. In 1934 the political unrest in China hindered mission work to such an extent that Miss Prieb had to return to America.

*For of him, and through him, and  
to him, are all things: to whom be  
glory for ever.—ROMANS II:36.*



MRS. FRANK J. WIENS  
(Returned)  
Reedley, California

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

AGNES KOOP WIENS, R.N., (Mrs. F. J. Wiens), was born in Blumenort, Russia, on December 26, 1893 to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Koop, later Blumenhof, Saskatchewan, Canada. Mrs. Wiens accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour at the age of twenty, on March 15, 1913, in Russia and was baptized on June 20, 1913. Miss Koop, following the invitation of Reverend F. J. Wiens and the call to the Mission Field in China on June 12, 1937, was united in holy matrimony to Missionary F. J. Wiens whose first wife had died in China on June 9, 1935. Their marriage took place in Hongkong, July 3, 1937. After a few years of fruitful service for her Master she returned with her husband from China via Shanghai and Vancouver, British Columbia. On September 28, 1942, it pleased the Heavenly Father to take her companion, Rev. F. J. Wiens, home to his reward. Mrs. Wiens is at the present time living at Reedley, California and has five step children: Herbert was born on March 13, 1908 in Henderson Nebraska; Adina, December 31, 1910, Russia; Herold, December 26, 1912, China; Linda, October 24, 1915, China; and Roland, August 26, 1917, China.



REV. AND MRS. HAROLD E. BALTZER  
(Returned)  
Hillsboro, Kansas

*God forbid that I should glory,  
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, by whom the world is crucified  
unto me, and I unto the world.—GAL.  
6:14.*

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

HAROLD E. BALTZER, son of Missionary and Mrs. P. P. Baltzer, was born at Tasaochowfu, Shantung, China, on January 25, 1918. He was converted at the age of nine while attending school in China. He received the first two years of his high school education at Tabor College Academy. In 1937 he obtained his high school diploma at the American School, Kikungshan, China. In 1946 he finished his work for the Th.B. degree at the Los Angeles Bible Institute. After serving one term on the foreign mission field he enrolled at Tabor College and was graduated with an A.B. degree in the spring of 1951. Mr. Baltzer's practical experience before entering foreign mission work consists of evangelistic preaching, teaching Sunday School, playing the organ for church services and doing personal work. On August 10, 1946, he was married to Elaine Eckgren at Stockton, California. The Baltzers were ordained on March 9, 1947, at Hillsboro, Kansas by Rev. A. E. Janzen, Rev. P. R. Lange, and Rev. J. W. Vogt. On May 30, 1947, they left from San Francisco for missionary work in China and returned via Seattle, in June, 1949.

MRS. ELAINE ECKGREN BALTZER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul V. Eckgren, was born on January 3, 1922, at St. Paul, Minnesota. At the age of eleven she was confirmed in the Mission Covenant Church of Turlock, California. She united with the Mennonite Brethren Conference in 1946. She received the first semester of her high school education at Turlock and in the spring of 1940 she obtained her high school diploma at Stockton, California. In order to better prepare herself for foreign mission work she took up training at the Mission Covenant Hospital in Chicago in the fall of 1940. Due to ill health she left the hospital work in the spring of 1941. She then studied in Junior College for three semesters after which she enrolled at the Los Angeles Bible Institute and was graduated in June, 1946. On August 10, 1946, she was married to Harold E. Baltzer at Stockton, California. Before entering foreign mission work Mrs. Baltzer taught in Sunday Schools, Child Evangelism classes, Daily Vacation Bible Schools and an Adult Bible class. The Baltzers left for mission work in China on May 30, 1947 and returned in June, 1949.



*The Lord hath done great things  
for us; whereof we are glad.—PSALMS  
126:3.*



REV. ROLAND M. WIENS AND FAMILY  
Now Osaka, Japan

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

REV. ROLAND MARTIN WIENS is the son of the late Missionary and Mrs. F. J. Wiens. He was born at Shanghang, China, on August 4, 1917, and the first four and a half years of his life were spent in China. He was converted at the age of eleven and was baptized the following year. His church membership at the present is in the M. B. Church, Joes, Colorado. Following high school graduation in 1936, he attended the University of California at Berkeley for one year. In the fall of 1937 he enrolled at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, with a view of preparing for the ministry, and spent four years there, earning the Associate in Arts degree in 1940 and the Bachelor of Theology degree in 1941. Mr. Wiens was united in holy matrimony to Anna Friesen on June 7, 1940. He was pastor of the M. B. Church at Joes, California for five years and was ordained to the ministry there in August, 1942. He received a definite call from the Lord to go to China in August, 1945, and in September made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions. The Wienses left San Francisco on November 25, 1947, and served faithfully on the Shanghang, South China field. In March, 1951 they received definite assurance that it is the Lord's will that they leave the China field due to political unrest. They will transfer to serve on the M. B. Mission field at Osaka, Japan.

MRS. ANNA FRIESEN WIENS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob F. Friesen, Jansen, Nebraska, was born at Fairbury, Nebraska, on December 20, 1915. She was converted at fourteen and consecrated her life to the Lord five years later. From 1936-38 she attended Northwestern Bible School, Minneapolis, Minnesota. In the fall of 1938, however, she transferred to Tabor College Academy, Hillsboro, Kansas, and finished her high school training in 1940. Mrs. Wiens took an active part in the Y.W.C.A. and Mission Band at Tabor. Later, as pastor's wife, she served faithfully in children's work and personal work. Mrs. Wiens has also been in charge of the medical work carried on at Shanghang.

The Wienses have two sons. Donald Leroy was born on November 12, 1941, and Robert James on January 10, 1944.



*Africa . . .*



*Since 1912*



REV. AND MRS. AARON A. JANZEN  
Kafumba, Belgian Congo

*The works of the Lord are great,  
sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.—PSALMS III:2.*

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

AARON A. JANZEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aron F. Janzen, was born on May 24, 1882, at Mountain Lake, Minnesota. He was converted at the age of 24 and on July 8, 1906, he joined the M. B. Church, Mountain Lake, Minnesota, upon confession of faith and baptism. He received his early Bible training in the Mountain Lake Bible School, graduating in May, 1908. In order to better prepare himself for foreign missions, he enrolled at Moody Bible Institute and was graduated in August, 1912. Later he spent one year at the Baptist Seminary, Rochester, New York. On June 1, 1911, he was united in marriage to Ernestina Deckman who laid down her life on the Belgian Congo soil in the year 1937. They were ordained on March 4, 1917, at Bingham Lake, Minnesota by Rev. Henry Voth. Mr. Janzen's practical work before going to the foreign field, consists of teaching Sunday School, holding gospel services in jails and hospitals as well as doing personal work. On November 16, 1912, the Janzens left New York for pioneer mission work in the Belgian Congo of Africa; they returned on August 11, 1916. Their second term lasted from January 25, 1919, till 1927. On December 12, 1928, they left for a third term, and it was during this term that Mrs. Janzen was asked to lay down her life. Mr. Janzen carried on alone for several years and on January 24, 1943, he was married to Martha Hiebert at Bulawayo, South Africa. They came home on furlough on July 5, 1946. On February 2, 1949, they left New York for another period of service in the Belgian Congo where they are serving the Master at the Kafumba Station.

MRS. MARTHA HIEBERT JANZEN, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter P. Hiebert on November 1, 1905, at Cottonwood City, Minnesota. She was converted at the age of twelve and four years later, on September 25, 1921, she was baptized and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church, Mountain Lake, Minnesota. She completed her high school training on May 28, 1925, at the Mountain Lake High School. In order to prepare herself for foreign mission work, she enrolled at Northwestern Bible School and was graduated on May 24, 1928. While she was home on her first furlough, she enrolled at Corn Bible School and was graduated in April, 1935. She also took nurses' training at Willows Maternity Hospital, Kansas City, Kansas where she received the O.N. degree. Later she studied at the Counsel Supérieur Hygiene Colonial Belgium where she received the Accoucheuse (Midwife) degree. She was ordained at Mountain Lake, Minnesota on November 24, 1946, by P. R. Lange and D. E. Friesen. Her practical work before going to the foreign field consists of nursing, teaching in the Sunday School, and in the Vacation Bible School. On December 12, 1928, she left New York for her first term in Africa and returned on July 5, 1933. In 1936 she went out for a second term and it was during this term that she was married to Aaron A. Janzen on January 24, 1943. The Janzens came home on furlough on July 5, 1946. On February 2, 1949, they left New York for another term of service in the Belgian Congo where they are faithfully working at the Kafumba Station.

*But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.—ISAIAH 40:31.*



REV. ABE F. KROEKER AND FAMILY  
Matende, Belgian Congo

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ABE F. KROEKER, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Kroeker, was born at Winkler, Manitoba, on February 19, 1904. He was converted in 1926 and joined the M. B. Church of Dallas, Oregon, upon confession of faith and baptism the same year. He received his high school education in Prince George, British Columbia, and Dallas, Oregon. He also studied at Los Angeles Polytechnic. Later he enrolled at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles and was graduated in 1931. Mr. Kroeker was married to Mary Rose Neufeld on June 19, 1930. They were ordained before their departure to the field, at Reedley, California by Rev. George B. Huebert and Rev. Abram Nachtigal. On February 12, 1932, they left from New York for their first term in Africa and returned via New York on January 6, 1936. They went out for a second term on January 21, 1938, and returned on January 6, 1944. On August 6, 1945, they left from New York for their third term in Africa where they are serving the Lord at the Matende Station of the Kwango District.

MRS. MARY NEUFELD KROEKER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Neufeld, was born on January 23, 1906, at Munich, North Dakota. At the age of twelve she accepted Christ as her Lord and Saviour, two years later she was baptized and accepted into the membership of M. B. Church of Dallas, Oregon. After completing her high school education, she enrolled at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles and was graduated on June 17, 1930. On June 19, 1930, she was married to Abe F. Kroeker at Glendale, California. They were ordained before their departure to the field at Reedley California by Rev. George B. Huebert and Rev. Abram Nachtigal. On February 12, 1932, they left from New York for their first term in Africa and returned via New York on January 6, 1936. The Kroekers have four children, the oldest Clement was born on December 18, 1934, Philip Nathan was born on February 15, 1940, Joanne Elizabeth was born on March 23, 1942 and Mark Andrew was born on February 12, 1944.



REV. H. G. BARTSCH AND FAMILY  
(Returned)  
Yarrow, British Columbia

*For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.—PHIL. 1:21.*

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

HEINRICH GERHARD BARTSCH, son of Gerhard and Anna Siebert Bartsch, was born on December 17, 1896, at Sparrow, South Russia. Mr. Bartsch received his schooling in Hepburn Bible School where he graduated in 1926 and in Winkler Bible School, graduating in 1928. On May 20, 1928 Anna J. Funk and Heinrich G. Bartsch were united in holy matrimony. On January 12, 1932 Rev. and Mrs. Bartsch arrived in Kafumba to take up the work to which the Lord had called them. However, on January 13, 1933 the Bartsch family, along with other missionaries, left the Kafumba Station in answer to a call to start a pioneer work some 400 miles distant in the Dekese territory, arriving there February 15, 1933. Here they started the Bololo Station. In 1938 the Bartsches returned to Canada for a furlough. On August 25, 1939, Rev. Bartsch set sail for Africa the second time and worked alone on the field until May 15, 1942, when he returned to his family in Canada. The Bartsches are making their home at Yarrow, British Columbia, Canada.

ANNA SIEBERT BARTSCH, born in Katerinowka, Russia, was united in holy matrimony with Heinrich G. Bartsch on May 20, 1928. The Bartsches and their two children went to the Belgian Congo for mission service arriving at Kafumba of the Kwango District on January 12, 1932. One year later she accompanied her husband and other missionaries to the Dekese territory where they became the pioneer missionaries among the Dengeses, building the Bololo Station. A much needed rest for Mrs. Bartsch made it necessary for the family to return to Canada for their furlough in 1938. The years 1939 to 1942 she remained in Canada alone while Rev. Bartsch again labored on the Mission Field in Africa. The Bartsches have four children: Erna was born on July 5, 1929; Lydia, May 2, 1931; Arthur, July 4, 1933; and Karl, January 28, 1937. At the present they are residing at Yarrow, British Columbia, Canada.

*The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.—*

2 PETER 3:9.



MISS KATHRYN WILLEMS  
Kafumba, Belgian Congo

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS KATHRYN WILLEMS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Willems of Hillsboro, Kansas, was born at Buhler, Kansas on September 16, 1907. At the age of fourteen she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour. On June 18, 1922, she was baptized upon confession of faith and received as a member of the Zoar K. M. B. Church, Inman, Kansas. Some time later she, together with her parents, moved to Corn, Oklahoma, where she joined the M. B. Church. In April, 1927, she was graduated from the Corn Bible School. In 1935 she completed her high school training at the Corn Academy and Bible School. After serving her first term on the foreign mission field she enrolled at Tabor College and was graduated with a Th.G. degree in May, 1943. Before going out to serve the Lord in Africa, she served Him at home in teaching German school in the summers, and in practical nursing. She further had the privilege of teaching in the Sunday School for ten years. Miss Willems was ordained at Corn, Oklahoma, on April 13, 1944, by Rev. J. J. Wiebe and Rev. H. W. Lohrenz. She left New York for the Belgian Congo on April 29, 1936, where she served the Lord for five years. On June 13, 1946, she left Philadelphia for a second term in Africa where she has been laboring faithfully at the Kafumba Station till the present time.





MISS ANNA R. GOERTZEN  
Kipungu, Belgian Congo

*The Lord is my rock, and my  
fortress, and my deliverer; my God,  
my strength, in whom I will trust; . . . .*  
—PSALMS 18:2.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS ANNA ROSE GOERTZEN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Goertzen of Reedley, California, was born at Kremlin, Oklahoma, on September 15, 1911. She was converted at the age of eleven and was baptized and received as a member of the M. B. Church of Henderson, Nebraska. She completed her high school education at the Madrid High School, Madrid, Nebraska in 1929. In the years 1929 and 1934 she studied at York and Kearney College, Kearney, Nebraska, where she received a third grade teacher's certificate. In 1934 she attended the Northwestern Bible School, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Two years later she served as Nurses' Aid at the Vocational and Franklin Hospitals, Minneapolis, Minnesota. After serving one term on the mission field, she enrolled at Tabor College and was graduated with an A.B. degree in 1947. During her years of preparation, Miss Goertzen took many opportunities to witness for the Lord. She spent one year at the Gospel Lighthouse Mission, Minneapolis, Minnesota; three years in teaching public school at Madrid, Nebraska; and about one year at the Franklin Gospel Mission. She was also active in church work; teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, and helping in evangelistic work. She was ordained in 1938 at Paxton, Nebraska, by Rev. H. C. Flaming and Rev. H. D. Wiebe. She left for the mission field in Africa in July, 1938, and returned for her first furlough in May, 1945. In February, 1948, she went to study at the Tropical Medical School, Antwerp, Belgium, after which she again proceeded to Africa where she has been serving at the Kipungu Station till the present time.



*Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.—JOHN '15:8.*



MISS SUSIE BRUCKS  
Yassa, Belgian Congo

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS SUSIE BRUCKS is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Brucks, Yarrow, British Columbia. She was born at Stepanofka, Orenburg, Russia, on November 14, 1909. At the age of eleven she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and in June, 1923, she joined the M. B. Church of Klubnikow, Orenburg, Russia, upon confession of faith and baptism. Miss Brucks received her Bible training at the Bible School of Coaldale, Alberta, and at the Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta. Later she took up work at the Concordia Hospital, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Then in order to better prepare herself for foreign missions work she studied at the Missionary Medical Institute, Toronto, Ontario. Miss Brucks had to wait ten years after she received the call to the mission field before she could go out. In these years she worked for the Lord wherever there was work to do. She was ordained on February 20, 1944, at Yarrow, British Columbia, by Rev. J. A. Harder. She left for the mission field in Africa on June 13, 1944, and returned for her first furlough on April 29, 1949. On her way to America she stopped in Belgium for a period of ten months to attend the Prince Leopold (medical) Institute in Antwerp. On January 11, 1951, she again proceeded to Africa where she has been serving at the Yassa Station till the present.



REV. FRANK BUSCHMAN AND FAMILY  
Kafumba, Belgian Congo

*Ask of me and  
I shall give thee  
the heathen for  
inheritance, and  
the uttermost  
parts of the earth  
for thy possession.*

PSALM 2:8.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

FRANK BUSCHMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter G. Buschman of Dinuba, California, was born at Weatherford, Oklahoma, on August 12, 1911. Following his conversion at the age of twenty he was baptized and accepted into the M. B. Church of Ulysses, Kansas. After finishing his elementary education he enrolled at the Corn Bible School, Corn, Oklahoma, and was graduated in the spring of 1934. He finished his high school training at the Grant County Rural High School, Ulysses. Later he attended Northwestern Bible and Missionary School. Then he enrolled at Tabor College, where he was graduated in May, 1940, with a Th.B. degree. He finished his college work at Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, where he was graduated with an A.B. degree in 1945. On June 11, 1939, he was united in holy matrimony to Clara Lohrenz at Ebenfeld, Kansas. The Buschman's were ordained at Ulysses, on September 3, 1944, by Rev. J. J. Wiebe and Rev. G. W. Lohrenz. They left New York on December 28, 1945, for their first term of service in the Belgian Congo. They served the Lord at Kafumba Station for five years and returned for their first furlough on March 17, 1951.

MRS. CLARA DORA LOHRENZ BUSCHMAN is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Gerhard W. Lohrenz, Hillsboro, Kansas. She was born at Lehigh, Kansas, on April 29, 1912. Following her conversion at twelve she was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Ebenfeld M. B. Church, Hillsboro, Kansas. She took her secondary education at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, Emporia State Teachers' College, Emporia, Kansas, and Ft. Hays State College, Ft. Hays, Kansas. She taught public school for two years and instructed in the commercial department of Tabor College for four years. She was married to Frank Buschman, who had a definite call to Africa, on June 11, 1939, and together they made preparations to go to that field under the auspices of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions. They left New York on December 28, 1945 for their first term of service in the Belgian Congo of Africa. During this term, the Buschman's were stationed at Kafumba where they served faithfully for five years. They returned to the homeland for their furlough, via New Orleans, on March 17, 1951.

The names and birthdates of the Buschman children are as follows: Lawrent Lee, May 29, 1941; Dennis LeRoy, February 16, 1943; Frank Lynn, July 27, 1948.

*Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.—PSALM 50:23.*



MISS ANNA G. ENNS  
Kipungu, Belgian Congo

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS ANNA G. ENNS was born at Chinook, Montana, on July 14, 1918. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David J. Enns of Hillsboro, Kansas. She was converted at the age of thirteen and was baptized and accepted into the M. B. Church at Lehigh, Kansas, on November 1, 1931. Her higher education was obtained at Tabor College and Moody Bible Institute. While attending Tabor College, Miss Enns received and obeyed the challenge to follow the Lord anywhere even to the foreign field. By way of practical experience, she taught Daily Vacational Bible School and Sunday School classes and took many opportunities to do personal work. She applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for service in Africa on July 14, 1944. On September 23, 1945, she was ordained as foreign missionary by the Lehigh M. B. Church. Miss Enns left New York City in November, 1945, for her first term of service in Africa, where she worked faithfully on the Kafumba and Kipungu Stations of the M. B. Mission in the Belgian Congo. She arrived in New York for her first furlough on December 20, 1950, and continued her studies at Tabor College in January, 1951.



REV. WILLIAM G. BAERG AND FAMILY  
Djongo Sanga, Belgian Congo

*Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.—PHIL. 3:8.*

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

WILLIE G. BAERG, son of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Baerg, was born at Apanle, South Russia, on April 8, 1911. From childhood he had a desire to be a missionary. When he was but eight years old it pleased the Lord to take his father out of the home through death. At the age of twelve he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. In 1924 he, together with his mother Mrs. Anna S. Baerg, came to Canada where they settled in the province of Manitoba. In 1931 he was baptized and received into the M. B. Church at Arnaud, Manitoba. He attended the Zentral-schule in Russia. In 1938 he was graduated from the Bible School at Winkler, Manitoba. Later he spent two years at the Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta. Mr. Baerg was united in holy matrimony to Margaret Klassen on April 18, 1938. He has been an active worker in the home church at Arnaud. During the time that the Baergs were waiting for a way to open so that they could go to Africa they spent two years in mission work among the Indians of North Canada. They were ordained on August 16, 1942, at Arnaud, Manitoba, by Rev. A. H. Unruh. On January 10, 1946, they left Fort Lee, New Jersey for the M. B. Misison field in the Belgian Congo of Africa where they are serving at the Djongo Sanga Station of the Kasai District.

MRS. MARGARET KLASSEN BAERG, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Klassen, was born on April 1, 1916, at Gruenfeld, Russia. At the age of 16 she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and the following year she joined the Winkler M. B. Church upon confession of faith and baptism. After completing her high school education she spent three years at the Winkler Bible School where she was graduated from the Sunday School Course in 1937. Later she spent two years at the Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta. On April 18, 1938, she was married to Willie G. Baerg at Morden, Manitoba. Before entering foreign mission work she was active in her home church as Sunday School teacher and personal worker. The Baergs also spent two years in proclaiming the gospel to the Indians of North Canada. They sailed for the mission field in the Belgian Congo on January 10, 1946, where they are laboring at the Djongo Sanga Station. The Baergs have four children. Edith Verna was born on May 23, 1940; Eleanor Rosella was born on April 23, 1942; Irene Rose was born on June 28, 1947; and Bruno William was born on January 8, 1951.

*I can do all things through Christ  
which strengtheneth me.—PHIL. 4:13.*



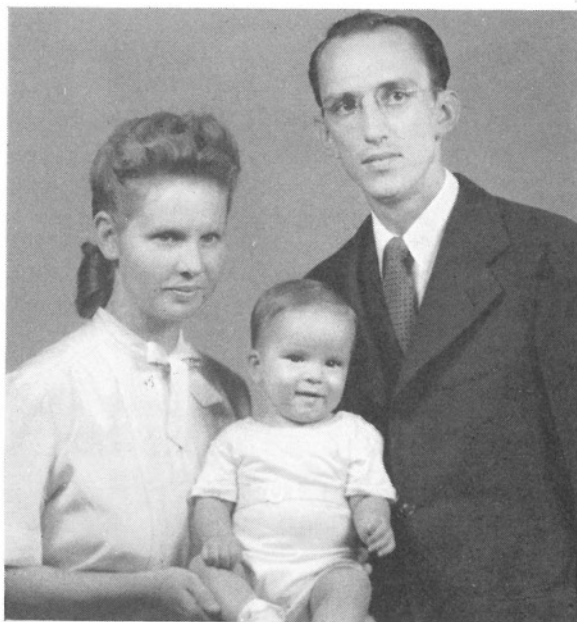
REV. IRVIN L. FRIESEN AND FAMILY  
Kafumba, Belgian Congo

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

IRVIN LEANDER FRIESEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob F. Friesen, was born at Reedley, California on August 22, 1920. He was converted at the age of twelve and joined the Los Angeles M. B. Church after baptism. During his sophomore year in high school the Lord spoke to him concerning service in Africa. In 1938 he received his high school diploma from the Reedley Joint Union High School. He attended the Dinuba Bible School the following year. From 1939 to 1941 he studied at Reedley Junior College, receiving the A.A. degree. After graduation he enrolled at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles and graduated in 1944. During the time he was in Los Angeles, Mr. Friesen had many opportunities to serve in gospel teams, street meetings and personal contacts with individuals. He applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for service in Africa on June 28, 1944. On November 11, 1944 he was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Gunther of Reedley. They were ordained by the M. B. Church of Dinuba, California, on November 26, 1944. The Friesens sailed from New York on January 18, 1946 for their first term of service in Africa where they are at present doing the village evangelism work on the Kafumba field.

MRS. LYDIA JOSEPHINE GUNTHER FRIESEN was born at Bakersfield, California on July 14, 1921. She was saved at the age of thirteen and joined the M. B. Church of Reedley upon confession of faith and baptism. Her secondary education was obtained at Dinuba Union High School, Immanuel Bible School and the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. She received the diploma and certificate of the Christian Education Course from Biola in 1944. While in Bible training she yielded her life to the definite call of God for service in Africa and on September 19, 1944, made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions. She was married to Irvin L. Friesen on November 11, 1944, and two months later they left the homeland for missionary service in the Belgian Congo.

Karen Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Friesen, was born in December, 1949.



REV. JOHN C. RATZLAFF AND FAMILY  
Kipungu, Belgian Congo

*Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say. And he said, O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send. — EXODUS 4:12-13.*

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JOHN CORNELIUS RATZLAFF, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron H. Ratzlaff, was born at Corn, Oklahoma, on September 18, 1921. On August 14, 1938, following his conversion, he was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Corn M. B. Church. He graduated from Corn Bible Academy in 1939. From 1939 to 1943 he attended Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, receiving the A.B. degree in the spring of 1943. Other schools attended are Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; Northwestern Bible School, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas. On January 26, 1943, he exchanged marriage vows with Edna Lorene Reimer at Corn, Oklahoma. Mr. Ratzlaff surrendered his life to the Lord during his third year of college work and on February 17, 1946, made application for missionary service to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions. He and Mrs. Ratzlaff were ordained as foreign missionaries by the Corn M. B. Church on August 11, 1946. They left New York City for Belgium on December 15, 1946, where they continued their studies for a year and a half. In August, 1947, they entered into full time missionary work in the Belgian Congo of Africa and served on the Kafumba and Djongo Sanga Stations for some time. At the present they have charge of the School for Missionary Children located at Kipungu.

MRS. EDNA LORENE RATZLAFF is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Reimer, Corn Oklahoma. She was born on July 10, 1923 at Corn, Oklahoma. At the age of fourteen she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and joined the Corn M. B. Church upon confession of faith and baptism. She graduated from Corn High School in 1941. During the school year of 1942-43 she attended Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. She also took some courses at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and Northwestern Bible School, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Her practical experience includes child evangelism and personal work.

The Ratzlaffs have three sons. Donnie Ray was born on December 9, 1945, Glenn William on July 14, 1949, and John Wayne on April 30, 1951.



*And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.—*  
ISAIAH 65:24.



REV. JOHN B. KLIEWER AND FAMILY  
Kipungu, Belgian Congo

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JOHN BERNARD KLIEWER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Kliewer, was born on January 15, 1915 at Corn, Oklahoma. Under conviction of sin and fear of eternal separation from God, he accepted the Lord Jesus as his Saviour at the age of nine. Two years later he was baptized and received as a member of the M. B. Church of Bakersfield, California. After graduating from the Kern County Union High School in 1933, he continued his education at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, California, receiving the Diploma of Missionary Course in 1938. While at the Institute, Mr. Kliewer consecrated his life to God for missionary service in Africa. From January, 1939 till August, 1943 he served a term of service in Africa under the Africa Inland Mission. He was pastor of the Bakersfield M. B. Church from October, 1944 till July, 1946. On August 17, 1945, he was united in marriage to Ruth Fast, Reedley, California. They were sent to the Belgian Congo of Africa on March 5, 1947 by the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions where they are laboring faithfully at the Kipungu Station.

MRS. RUTH ELVINA FAST KLIEWER was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob P. Fast on January 17, 1924, at Paxton, Nebraska. She was converted, baptized and accepted into the M. B. Church of Paxton at the age of eleven. In 1936 the family moved to Reedley, California, where she completed high school in 1941. She attended Reedley College for one semester and in the spring semester of 1943 she enrolled at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, California. There she studied for five semesters. It was during her Bible training that she felt the call of God to become a missionary. This call was confirmed after her marriage in 1945 to John B. Kliewer, who had already served one term of missionary service in Africa. The Kliewers have been working at the Kipungu Station in the Belgian Congo since their arrival on the field in 1947.

John Mark was born on February 23, 1949.



MISS MATHILDA WALL  
Djongo Sanga, Belgian Congo

*And let us not be weary in well  
doing: for in due season we shall reap,  
if we faint not.—GAL. 6:9.*

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS MATHILDA WALL, R.N., born at Munich, North Dakota, March 18, 1915, is the daughter of Brother and Sister Cornelius C. Wall, Orland, California. Miss Wall was converted at seventeen and joined the M. B. Church at Munich, North Dakota, upon confession of faith and baptism. Together with her parents she moved to California where she finished High School and attended the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. There she felt called to become a foreign missionary, with an especial burden on her heart for Africa. To equip herself for medical service she entered Highland School of Nursing, Oakland, California, February 14, 1943, and was graduated on February 14, 1946. During the time she was at Los Angeles and Oakland she took many opportunities to witness as a Sunday School teacher, Daily Vacation Bible School teacher, and by handing out tracts and doing personal work. From June 24, 1946, to September 13, 1946 she attended the Summer School of Linguistics at Caron, Saskatchewan, Canada. On July 12, 1946 she made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for service in Africa. During the school year of 1946-47 she attended Tabor College. On June 12, 1947, she was ordained as foreign missionary at the M. B. Church of Orland, California. Miss Wall left New York City on June 17, 1947, for her first term of service in Africa where she has worked faithfully on the Kafumba and Djongo Sanga Stations of the M. B. Missions in the Belgian Congo until the present time.



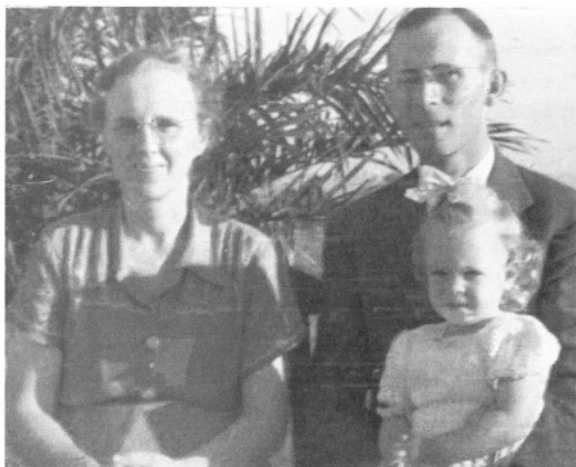
*. . . . Not by might, nor by power,  
but by my spirit, saith the Lord of  
hosts.—ZEC. 4:6.*



MISS MARGARET DYCK  
Matende, Belgian Congo

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS MARGARET DYCK was born at Burwalde, Manitoba, on March 30, 1918. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Dyck, reside at Enderby, British Columbia, Canada. Miss Dyck's early childhood days were spent in southern Manitoba. Even before she was saved she had a keen interest in missionary work which increased after accepting Christ. She was converted at the age of thirteen and joined the M. B. Church of Winkler, Manitoba, upon confession of faith and baptism. At the age of seventeen she moved to British Columbia with her parents. Her secondary education was taken in the Prairie Bible Institute High School, Three Hills, Alberta, and in the Tabor College Academy, Hillsboro, Kansas. Besides taking a course in secondary education, Miss Dyck completed a Bible course at the Prairie Bible Institute in 1940. During the year 1943-44 she also took and completed a missionary medical course at the Missionary Medical Institute in Toronto, Ontario. During the year 1946-47 she finished the Tabor College Academy course, graduating in May, 1947. Besides serving as nurse for one year, Miss Dyck has nearly two years of full time missionary experience in Manitoba. She made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for service in Africa on May 9, 1946. From June 24, 1946 to September 13, 1946 she attended the Summer School of Linguistics at Caron, Saskatchewan. She was ordained as foreign missionary by the Winkler M. B. Church on October 6, 1946. Miss Dyck left New York City on June 17, 1947, and has been serving at the Matende Station of the M. B. Mission in the Belgian Congo since her arrival in Africa.



REV. ABRAM J. ESAU AND FAMILY  
Kipungu, Belgian Congo

*And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.—2 KINGS 6:16.*

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ABRAM JOHN ESAU, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Esau, was born at Kuban, Russia, on October 4, 1913. The family immigrated to Canada in 1925. At the age of thirteen Mr. Esau was converted. Four years later he was baptized and accepted into the Yarrow M. B. Church, British Columbia. From 1935 till 1939 he attended the Winkler Bible School, Winkler Manitoba. He continued his Bible training in the fall of 1939 at Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta, receiving the diploma of the Bible and Missionary Training course in 1941. While studying at the Prairie Bible Institute he felt called to go into foreign mission work. He has also been engaged in mission work in Manitoba and British Columbia. On June 7, 1942 he was united in marriage to Sarah Martens. He attended the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, for three semesters, beginning with the spring semester of 1946. Application for Missionary service in Africa was made to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in April, 1946. The Esaus were ordained in June, 1947 by the M. B. Church of Yarrow, British Columbia. They left New York City on November 15, 1947 and have been serving on the Matende and Kipungu Stations as village workers.

MRS. SARAH MARTENS ESAU, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aron Martens, was born on December 21, 1918, at Franztal, Russia. She accepted Christ as her Lord and Saviour at the age of fourteen and was baptized and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church, Yarrow, British Columbia. She did her high school work at the Chilliwack High School, Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada. In 1939 she was graduated from the Winkler Bible School, Winkler, Manitoba. On June 7, 1942, she was united in holy matrimony with Abram Esau. In the spring of 1946 she and Mr. Esau enrolled at the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, where they studied for three semesters. Mrs. Esau served the Lord and the church in teaching Sunday School, Daily Vacation Bible School, and helping her husband with the home mission work in British Columbia and Manitoba. They left for Africa on November 15, 1947, where they have been working at the Matende and Kipungu Stations. The Esaus have one daughter, Lois Ruth, born on April 11, 1949.

*And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.—MATT. 24:14.*



MISS ELSIE GUENTHER  
Matende, Belgian Congo

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS ELSIE GUENTHER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel P. Guenther, was born at Corn, Oklahoma, on January 1, 1910. Her conversion took place at the age of thirteen whereupon she was baptized and received as a member of the M. B. Church, Corn, Oklahoma. Her secondary education was obtained at Corn Bible School and Academy, Corn, Oklahoma; Reedley Joint Union High School, Reedley, California; Pacific Bible College, Huntington Park, California; and Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. In her practical experience Miss Guenther majored in children's work: Instructing in Daily Vacation Bible School and Sunday School. She made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for missionary service in Africa on December 12, 1944, and was ordained as foreign missionary by the Reedley M. B. Church on June 22, 1947. Miss Guenther left New York City on December 22, 1947 for her first term of service in Africa and is at present serving at the Matende Station.



MISS MARY J. TOEWS  
Kafumba, Belgian Congo

*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.—GAL. 2:20.*

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS MARY JESSIE TOEWS is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aron A. Toews, Namaka, Alberta. She was born at Taurien, South Russia, on December 16, 1910. She was converted at nineteen and joined the M. B. Church at Namaka after baptism. After completing her high school education, she attended normal school for one year. She has had five years of teaching experience. During this time she felt definitely called to consecrate her life to the Lord for the foreign field. During the school year of 1939-40 she studied at Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta. She took a summer school course at the Summer Institute of Linguistics at Briercrest, Saskatchewan, in 1945. Further education was obtained at Mennonite Brethren Bible College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, where she was granted the Bachelor of Religious Education degree in 1947. During the time of preparation for missionary service she took many opportunities to witness in house visitations, child evangelism, and personal work. She applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on April 19, 1946, and was ordained by the Namaka M. B. Church on July 13, 1947. On December 22, 1947 she left New York City by plane for the mission field in the Belgian Congo of Africa where she has been serving on the Kafumba Station up to the present.

*Be strong and of a good courage,  
fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the  
Lord thy God, he it is doth go with  
thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake  
thee.—DEUT. 31:6.*



MISS ERNA FUNK  
Kafumba, Belgian Congo

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS ERNA ESTHER FUNK, R.N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius J. Funk of Corn, Oklahoma, was born at Corn on August 23, 1917. She was converted at the age of twelve and became a member of the Corn M. B. Church in 1932. She completed her high school education at the Corn Bible School and Academy in May, 1939. To equip herself for medical service Miss Funk entered nurses training at Western Oklahoma State Hospital on September 1, 1942 and was graduated on September 1, 1945. After much prayer and upon realizing the need for nurses in the mission field she yielded herself completely to missionary service in the summer of 1946. On October 5, 1946 she made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for service in Africa. During the school year of 1946-47 she attended Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. She spent the summer and fall of 1947 at Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, in the study of the French language. On November 2, 1947 she was ordained by the Corn M. B. Church. Miss Funk left New York City for Belgium on February 6, 1948, where she spent one and a half years in study. She has been laboring faithfully on the Kipungu and Kafumba Station since her arrival in the Congo in December, 1949.



REV. HENRY BRUCKS AND FAMILY  
Matende, Belgian Congo

*Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but thee? And there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.—PSALMS 73:24.*

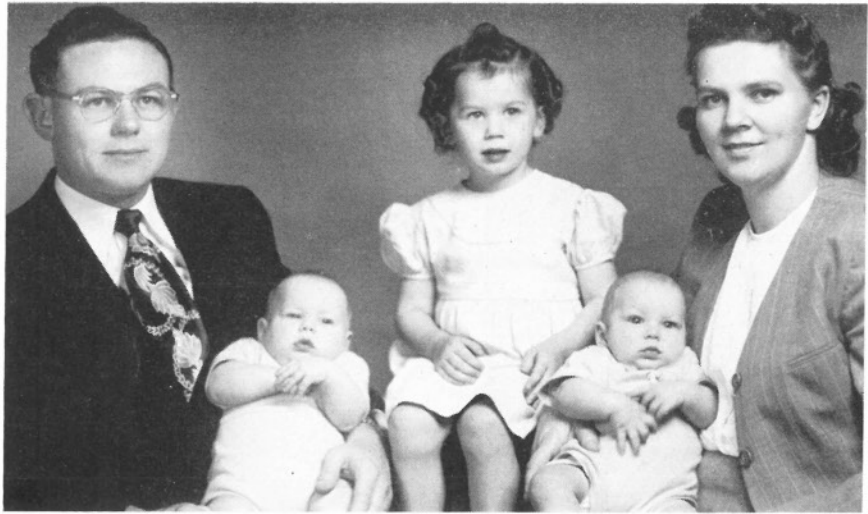
## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

HENRY BRUCKS, born at Stepanowka, Russia, June 30, 1918, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brucks, Sr., Sardis, British Columbia. Together with his parents he moved to Canada at the age of seven, settling first in Manitoba and then Coaldale, Alberta, where they lived for fourteen years. He was converted at the age of eighteen and joined the M. B. Church of Coaldale upon confession of faith and baptism. All his life he felt that the Lord was putting a burden on his heart for Africa. In 1939 he completed the three-year-course at the Coaldale Bible Institute. After finishing Bible School, he moved with his parents to British Columbia where he took active part in mission and personal work. Later he also attended the Mennonite Brethren Bible College at Winnipeg, Manitoba. He was married to Elsie Hiebert on July 17, 1948 at Arnaud, Manitoba. The Board of Foreign Missions accepted him for service in Africa in October, 1947. The Brucks were ordained in the summer of 1948 by the M. B. Church of Yarrow, British Columbia. In the fall of 1948, Mr. Brucks and his wife enrolled at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. On February 3, 1949 they left New York City for a period of study in Belgium. After studying there for a year and a half, they proceeded to the Belgian Congo in August, 1950, where they have served at the Matende Station up to the present.

MRS. ELSIE HIEBERT BRUCKS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hiebert, Arnaud, Manitoba, was born on January 1, 1923, at Alexanderpole, Russia. At the age of eight months, she together with her parents immigrated to Canada, settling in Manitoba. She accepted Christ as her Lord and Saviour at the age of twelve and was baptized and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church at Arnaud three years later. She was active in church work: Teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, and helping in young people's work. During the school year of 1944-45 Mrs. Brucks taught in an Indian Day School in northern Manitoba. The following year she attended the Mennonite Brethren Bible College, Winnipeg. In January, 1947, she took up training as practical nurse at the Freemason's Hospital at Morden, Manitoba, and received her Certificate of License for Practical Nurse in January, 1948. After her marriage to Henry Brucks in the summer of 1948, she accompanied her husband to Hillsboro, Kansas, where they studied at Tabor College for one semester. In February, 1949, they were sent to Belgium for further preparation before entering into missionary service in the Belgian Congo.

Florence Edith Brucks was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brucks on May 24, 1949, in Brussels, Belgium.

*Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. — ROMANS 8:37.*



REV. ARNOLD PRIEB AND FAMILY  
Yassa, Belgian Congo

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ARNOLD PRIEB was born at Buhler, Kansas, on February 6, 1924. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Prieb of Buhler. He was converted at the age of eleven and on May 31, 1936, he was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Zoar K. M. B. Church, Inman, Kansas. He received his high school diploma from Zoar Bible Academy, Inman, in May, 1941. Further education was obtained at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas; American Bible College; and Pacific Bible Institute, Fresno, California. He carries a Th.G. degree from American Bible College and an A.B. and Th.B. degree from Pacific Bible Institute. Mr. Prieb also spent nearly two years in Civilian Public Service during World War II. His practical experience includes preaching, musical service, and personal work. On September 21, 1945, he was united in holy matrimony to Rosella Alice Koop. They applied to the K. M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for missionary service on October 10, 1949 and were accepted as candidates for Africa. On September 24, 1950, they were ordained by the Zoar K. M. B. Church. The Priebes were sent to the M. B. mission field in the Belgian Congo of Africa on November 14, 1950, under the collaboration plan between the Mennonite Brethren and Krimmer Mennonite Brethren Conferences.

MRS. ROSELLA KOOP PRIEB was born to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham P. Koop on February 3, 1926, at Fairview, Oklahoma. She was converted at the age of thirteen and on September 17, 1939, she was baptized and accepted as a member of the North Enid M. B. Church, Enid, Oklahoma. After she had finished her secondary education she studied at Tabor College for two years. On September 21, 1945, she was married to Arnold Prieb at Fresno, California. She served the Lord before going out into foreign mission work especially in helping her husband while he was pastor of the Evangelical Methodist Church, Exeter, California. The Priebes sailed from New York on November 14, 1950, for their first term in the Belgian Congo of Africa. At the present they are working at the Yassa Station. They have four children the oldest Gloria Jean was born on October 9, 1946; Carol Joanne, born on June 24, 1948 (deceased, January 15, 1949); and the twins Garry Lloyd and Larry Floyd were born on September 3, 1949.





MR. AND MRS. H. D. DERKSEN  
Kafumba, Belgian Congo

*" . . . . That I may . . . . make  
known the mystery of the gospel for  
which I am an ambassador." — EPH.  
6:19-20.*

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

HENRY D. DERKSEN, son of Rev. and Mrs. David D. Dersken, Boissevain, Manitoba, was born at Fischau, Russia, on February 4, 1916. When he was ten, the family immigrated to Canada, making their home in Manitoba. He yielded his life to the Lord at the age of seventeen and was baptized and received into the M. B. Church at Boissevain in July, 1934. He attended the Winkler Bible School from November, 1940, till January, 1943. The next month he entered government service at Wasagaming, Manitoba, in the Riding Mountain National Park. During this time the Lord dealt with him concerning missionary service. Mr. Derksen entered Mennonite Brethren Bible College, Winnipeg, in 1945 and graduated with the Th.B. degree in 1949. On September 23, 1947, he was married to Helen Ewert. They were accepted as foreign missionaries by the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in June, 1949. From November, 1949, till May, 1950, they studied the French language at a French Children's Home, "Le Flambeau" in Bondville, Quebec. They were ordained on June 25, 1950, by the Boissevain M. B. Church. They left New York on February 1, 1951, for a year's study in Belgium prior to beginning missionary service in the Belgian Congo of Africa.

MRS. HELEN EWERT DERKSEN was born in Omsk, Siberia, on April 16, 1917, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Ewert. In 1924 her parents left Russia and settled in Mexico where they spent two years. In 1926 they moved to Manitoba. At the age of seventeen, Mrs. Derksen was converted and joined the M. B. Church upon confession of faith and baptism. Her education was obtained at Winnipeg Normal School; Winkler Bible School; and Mennonite Brethren Bible College, Winnipeg. She received her Bachelor of Religious Education degree from the M. B. Bible College in 1949. Her major interest lies in children's work. She has had one year's experience in teaching and has also helped at the Grace Children's Home in Henderson, Nebraska, for a year.

The Derksens have one child, John David who was born on April 30, 1951.



*Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.—HEB. 7:25.*



MISS CLARA L. REDEKOP  
Kafumba, Belgian Congo

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS CLARA LOUISE REDEKOP, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob F. Redekop, Abbotsford, British Columbia, was born at Rosthern, Saskatchewan, on May 8, 1922. Her childhood days were spent in Saskatchewan where she attended high school and normal school. For two years she was engaged in teaching public school. Feeling the need of Bible training, she attended Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta, from October, 1944, till April, 1946. The following two years' training were taken at Mennonite Brethren Bible College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, where she was graduated from the Missionary Course in 1948. In May, 1949, she received the A.B. degree from Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. She studied French in Vancouver, British Columbia, from February to May, 1950. Miss Redekop was converted at the age of fifteen and was baptized the following summer. She applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for service in Africa on February 29, 1948. On January 22, 1950, her ordination took place at the Abbotsford M. B. Church. She left New York City on February 1, 1951, for a year's study in Belgium prior to entering missionary service in the Belgian Congo.



MISS DOROTHY KOPPER  
Yassa, Belgian Congo

*Blessed be the Lord God, the God  
of Israel, who only doeth wondrous  
things.—PSALM 72:18.*

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS DOROTHY LOUISE KOPPER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kopper, Bakersfield, California, was born at Shafter, California on November 2, 1901. She was converted at the age of eight and joined the M. B. Church at Bakersfield by baptism. Her secondary education was obtained at Pacific Bible Institute, Fresno, California; Junior College, Bakersfield, California; Simpson Bible Institute, Seattle, Washington; and Bakersfield College, Bakersfield, California. She made application for missionary service to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in 1948 and was accepted for Africa. During the school year 1950-51 she was one of the teachers at the Post Oak Indian School, Indianoma, Oklahoma.

*Paraguay . . .*



*Since 1935*



REV. GERHARD B. GIESBRECHT AND FAMILY  
Mission Colony, Paraguay

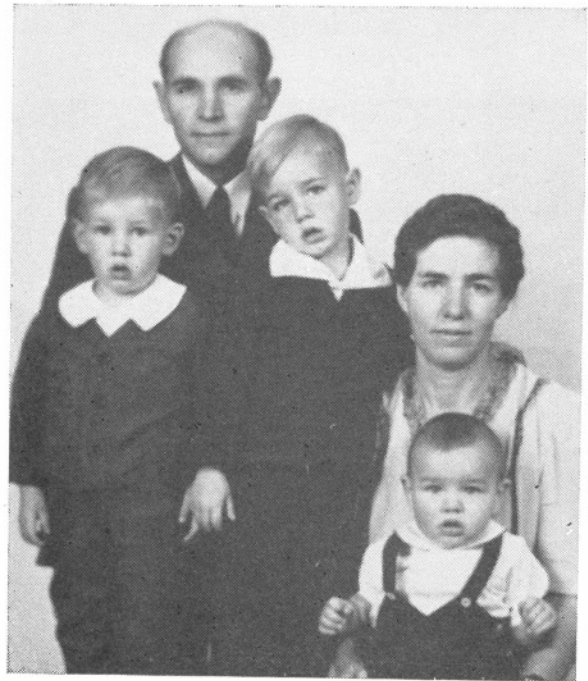
*The Lord will give strength unto  
his people; the Lord will bless his peo-  
ple with peace.—PSALMS 29:11.*

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

GERHARD B. GIESBRECHT, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Giesbrecht, was born on January 27, 1906, at Steinfeld, Russia. He was converted at Markowka, Russia on January 5, 1922, and in August of that same year he joined the Neuheim Mennonite Church, upon confession of faith and baptism. He received his education in the Zentralschule of Russia. He was married to Katharina Unrau April 7, 1928, at Markowka, Russia. Shortly after their marriage they immigrated to South America where they settled in Paraguay, in the Fernheim Colony. Before taking up the work with the Board of Foreign Missions, he served the Lord and the church as preacher and teacher. He was ordained at Fernheim Colony, Paraguay on June 9, 1933, by Rev. G. Isaak and Rev. I. Braun. He took up the mission work in Paraguay on August 11, 1937, where he has served the Lord till the present time.

MRS. KATHARINA UNRAU GIESBRECHT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich Unrau of the Fernheim Colony, Paraguay, was born on September 13, 1905, at Steinfeld, Russia. She was converted at Markowka, Russia, in February, 1922, and in August of that same year she was baptized and became a member of the Neuheim Mennonite Church. On April 7, 1928, she was united in marriage to Gerhard B. Giesbrecht. Shortly after their marriage they came to Paraguay, where they settled in the Fernheim Colony. Before taking up mission work, she served the Lord and the church as a faithful Sunday School teacher. The Giesbrechts began their missionary service on August 11, 1937. They are the parents of five children. The oldest, Maria, was born on December 10, 1931; Erna was born on April 13, 1933; Gerdy, the only boy, was born on September 30, 1935; and the youngest, Irma, was born January 29, 1940.

*Now thanks be unto God, which  
always causeth us to triumph in Christ,  
and maketh manifest the savor of his  
knowledge by us in every place.—II  
COR. 2:14.*



REV. BERNARD P. EPP AND FAMILY  
(Returned)  
Vauxhall, Alberta

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

BERNARD P. EPP, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter B. Epp, was born at Steinfeld, Russia, on June 29, 1911. Mr. Epp received his education in various schools. In November, 1931, he enrolled at the Coaldale Bible School and was graduated in April, 1934. Later he spent one year at the Winkler Bible School and was graduated in April, 1936. In the fall of that same year he enrolled at the Three Hills Bible Institute where he studied for a year and a half. In September of 1934 he enrolled at Tabor College and was graduated with an A.B. degree in May, 1945. During the summer of that same year he attended the Summer Institute of Linguistics. Before Mr. Epp went to the foreign field he served the Lord in teaching, preaching and in doing personal work. In 1937 he went to Paraguay to do mission work among the Indians surrounding the Fernheim Colony. His bride, Susanna Dueck, followed him in 1940 and they were married in Fernheim on October 5, 1940. The two worked among the Lengua Indians until July, 1941, when they returned to Canada on account of ill health. They were ordained by the M. B. Church of Coaldale, Alberta in 1943. On April 11, 1946 the Epps left from New Orleans for a second term in Paraguay, but needed to return to Canada again in January, 1949 on account of health.

MRS. SUSANNA DUECK EPP, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob P. Dueck, was born at Alissowa, Orenburg, Russia, on July 1, 1913. She was converted at an early age and baptized upon confession of faith in the finished work of Christ. She joined the M. B. Church of Coaldale, Alberta, where she is a member at the present time. Her education beyond the grades consists of three years in the Coaldale Bible School, Coaldale, Alberta, one year at the Hepburn Bible School, Hepburn, Saskatchewan and two years at Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta. Before entering foreign mission work she served the Lord in the home church as well as in ministering to the sick. In 1940 she joined her fiance, Bernard P. Epp, in Paraguay and was married to him October 5 of that same year. They served on the mission field in South America until July, 1941, when they returned to Canada. The Coaldale Church ordained them as missionaries in 1943. On April 11, 1946, they left from New Orleans for a second term in Paraguay and returned to Canada in January, 1949. The Epps have three children, Harold Bernard, born on February 6, 1942; Ervin Henry, born on August 7, 1943; and Elmer Vernon on February 10, 1945.



REV. JACOB H. FRANZ AND FAMILY  
Filadelfia, Paraguay

*And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.—JOHN 1:16.*

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JACOB HERMAN FRANZ, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman H. Franz was born at Kurt-Hschky, Crimea, Russia, on July 26, 1913. After the death of his parents he was given to Mr. and Mrs. Franz Koop, at the age of nine. After his conversion he was baptized and became a member of the M. B. Church, Coaldale, Alberta. The Lord spoke to Mr. Franz about missionary service in 1936 through a visit to Coaldale by the late Missionary J. H. Voth, and his conviction to become a missionary increased as he read the Word of God and missionary books. He attended the Coaldale Bible School during the years 1935-38. In October 1938 he continued his education at Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta, receiving his certificate in March, 1940. He was married to Helene Janzen on July 8, 1942. They were ordained by the Coaldale M. B. Church to preach and teach the Gospel on April 23, 1944. They applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for service in South America on May 16, 1945, and left for Paraguay via New Orleans, Louisiana on April 11, 1946. On the field they are occupied with the Chulupie Indian work, primarily the learning of the language.

MRS. HELENE JANZEN FRANZ, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Aron J. Janzen on July 26, 1919, at Rovnapoli, Russia. She accepted Christ as her personal Saviour at the age of seventeen and three years later, on August 20, 1939, she was baptized and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church at La Glace, Alberta, Canada. She received most of her Bible training at the La Glace Bible School where she was graduated in March, 1940. She also spent one year at the Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta, Canada. On July 8, 1942, she was married to Jacob H. Franz at La Glace, Alberta. They were ordained at Coaldale, Alberta, on April 23, 1944, by Rev. B. B. Jantz. Before going out to the foreign field, Mrs. Franz served the Lord in teaching Sunday School and was an active worker in the Young Ladies Mission group. On April 11, 1946, the Franz's left New Orleans, Louisiana, for their first term of mission work among the Chulupie Indians of Paraguay. The Franz's have three children, the oldest Esther Agnes born on July 14, 1943; Herman James born on March 19, 1947, and the youngest Eleanor Marlene born February 9, 1950. They are stationed at Filadelfia, Fernheim, Chaco, Paraguay.



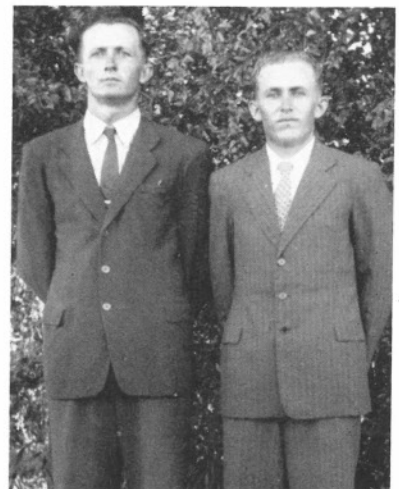
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H. KROEKER AND FAMILY  
Mission Colony, Paraguay



JACOB KLASSEN AND FAMILY  
Mission Colony, Paraguay



KORNELIUS ISAAK & GERHARD HEIN  
Filadelfia, Paraguay

DIETRICH LEPP  
Mission Colony, Paraguay  
*(Picture Not Available)*





*Brazil . . .*



*Since 1940*



REV. JACOB D. UNRUH AND FAMILY  
(Returned)  
Dinuba, California

. . . . Thou hast holden me by my  
right hand. Thou shalt guide me with  
thy counsel, and afterward receive me  
to glory.—PSALMS 73:23-24.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JACOB D. UNRUH, son of Mr. and Mrs. David J. Unruh, was born at Wasiljewka, Crimea, Russia, on March 31, 1912. In 1929 he, together with his parents, fled to China and a little over a year later they immigrated to the United States of America where they settled at Shafter, California. It was during the time that they were in China that he realized his need of a Saviour and accepted Christ. Two years after his conversion, he was baptized and accepted as a member of the M. B. Church of Shafter, California. Mr. Unruh was united in holy matrimony with Anna Harms on July 3, 1932, at Reedley, California. In 1935 he received a definite call to the foreign field whereupon he entered the Los Angeles Bible Institute where he studied during the school year of 1935-36 and later also took some night classes there. In the fall of 1939 he enrolled at the Junior College in Bakersfield, California, where he studied for one year. After serving one term on the foreign mission field he attended the Pacific Bible Institute, Fresno California. Before going out to the foreign field he served the Lord in teaching Sunday School, young people's meetings, preaching and doing personal work. After the Unruhs had served as independent missionaries in Brazil for four years, 1940-1944, they expressed their desire to be sent out by the M. B. Board. They made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on November 7, 1944, and were ordained as foreign missionaries by the Dinuba M. B. Church on April 21, 1946.

ANNA HARMS UNRUH, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harms of Dinuba, California, was born on August 31, 1912, at Reedley, California. She was converted at the age of seventeen and was accepted as a member of the Reedley M. B. Church upon confession of faith and baptism on June 9, 1929. She received her education in the Reedley schools. On July 3, 1932, she was united in holy matrimony with Jacob D. Unruh at Reedley. They were ordained as missionaries on April 21, 1945, at Dinuba, California, by Rev. B. J. Braun. They served as independent missionaries in Brazil from 1940 to 1944. On November 7, 1944, they made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions and after acceptance, left from Miami, Florida, on June 15, 1946, for another term of mission work in Brazil. The Unruhs have two children, Hulda, born on August 29, 1936, and Annie on June 7, 1938. After their return from Brazil in the fall of 1948 they settled again at Dinuba, California, their permanent home.

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They left Miami, Florida, on June 15, 1946, for another term of mission work in Brazil. They established the orphanage at Curitiba, Parana, during this term and returned via New York on November 15, 1948. At present the Unruhs are living on a farm near Dinuba, California.

*So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but I shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.—ISAIAH 55:11.*



MISS LINDA BANMAN  
Curitiba, Brazil

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS LINDA BANMAN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abram J. Banman, Winkler, Manitoba, was born at Winkler on October 8, 1921. She was converted at the age of eleven and was baptized and received into the Winkler M. B. Church three years later. She attended the Winkler High School Collegiate during the years 1940-1942. From September, 1943 to June, 1944, she attended the Manitoba Provincial Normal School in Winnipeg. Two years were spent in teaching school. It was during her second year of teaching that she felt called to be a missionary. In order to equip herself for missionary service, she began her studies at Tabor College in the fall of 1945. After three years at Tabor, she graduated with the Th.G. degree in the spring of 1948. On April 7, 1947, she made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for service in Brazil. She was ordained by the Winkler M. B. Church on August 22, 1948. Miss Banman left New Orleans on October 5, 1948. During the first two years of service, she was the only life-time missionary on the M. B. mission station at Curitiba and consequently the administrative responsibilities rested largely on her shoulders. The Lord blessed her efforts and gave her strength to carry on up to the present time.



REV. AND MRS. ERVEN A. THIESEN  
Curitiba, Brazil

*Only fear the Lord, and serve him  
in truth with all your heart: consider  
how great things he hath done for you.*

—I SAMUEL 12:24.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

ERVEN ALFRED THIESEN was born at Reedley, California, on July 2, 1918. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Thiesen of Dinuba, California. Mr. Thiesen was converted at eleven and joined the M. B. Church of Reedley upon confession of faith and baptism. After high school graduation, he attended the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, receiving the Th.B. degree in June, 1943. During his Bible Institute days he took many opportunities to serve the Lord in preaching, Sunday School teaching, young people's work, and personal work. It was also at this time that he felt the call of the Lord to full-time Christian service. He served in the United States Navy for four years. In June, 1948, he received the A.A. degree at Reedley Junior College, Reedley, California. Mr. Thiesen was married to Lorene Alde Cornelsen on May 30, 1949. They applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in the spring of 1949 and were accepted for the mission field in Brazil. During the school year of 1949-50 Mr. Thiesen attended Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, graduating with an A.B. degree. The Thiesens were ordained as foreign missionaries at the Reedley M. B. Church on August 37, 1950, by Rev. J. B. Toews, Rev. B. J. Braun, and Rev. H. R. Wiens, and on October 5, 1950, they sailed from the port of New Orleans to begin their service at the M. B. Orphanage at Curitiba, Brazil.

MRS. LORENE ALDE CORNELSEN THIESEN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob N. Cornelsen, Reedley, California, was born at Collinsville, Oklahoma, on July 27, 1922. She accepted Christ as her Saviour at the age of nine. Three years later she moved to Reedley, California, with her parents where she was baptized and received as a member into the Reedley M. B. Church. She graduated from Reedley High School in 1940 whereupon she continued her studies at Reedley Junior College. For two and a half years she was employed in the office of Reedley Junior College and during this time became conscious of the fact that Christ was calling her into His service. She then attended Westmont College, Los Angeles, California, for one year. From 1945-48 she studied at Tabor College, and in addition served as Physical Education Instructor. Mrs. Thiesen was graduated with the A.B. degree in 1948. The year following graduation she was Physical Education Instructor and Supervisor of the Girls at Tabor. She was married to Erven A. Thiesen in the summer of 1949 at Reedley, California, returning to Hillsboro with her husband that fall to continue her service as Physical Education Instructor. Her practical experience includes Sunday School, Daily Vacation Bible School, and personal work.

*Colombia . . .*



*Since 1945*



REV. DANIEL A. WIRSCHÉ AND FAMILY  
La Cumbre, Colombia

*I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; That in everything ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge.—I COR. I:4-5.*

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

DANIEL A. WIRSCHÉ was born at Herbert, Saskatchewan, on December 4, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. August Wirsche. Ever since childhood he had a desire to serve God. With his conversion at twenty, this desire was deepened and became more real. In 1932 he enrolled in the Herbert Bible School, Herbert, Saskatchewan, but later transferred to Bethany Bible School, Hepburn, Saskatchewan where he also graduated. His further educational achievements include graduation from the college department of the Bethany Bible College and also the German-English Academy at Rosthern, Saskatchewan. From 1938 to 1943 Mr Wirsche served as instructor at Bethany, his alma mater. He also served as director for the Western Children's Mission for two years, and engaged in an effective evangelistic ministry. During these years of service the conviction to serve in the foreign field grew upon him. On July 31, 1940, he was united in marriage to Elsie Fiedler and in October, 1942, he was ordained to the Gospel ministry at the Hepburn M. B. Church. The Wirsches applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in August, 1944, and left for the field in Colombia, South America on April 3, 1945. They were the first missionaries of the M. B. Conference to enter that field. During their first term of service they were in charge of the La Cumbre Station. They arrived home on furlough on July 25, 1949, and made their home in Hillsboro, Kansas, where Tabor College granted Mr. Wirsche the Bachelor of Arts degree in May, 1950. Their home at present is in Vancouver, British Columbia and they are making preparations to return to Colombia upon receipt of all necessary documents. During the winter of 1951 Mr. Wirsche again served as instructor at Bethany Bible College, Hepburn, Saskatchewan.

MRS. ELSIE FIEDLER WIRSCHÉ, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Fiedler, was born at Martin, North Dakota on October 15, 1919. In 1924 the family moved to Saskatchewan. At the age of nineteen, Mrs. Wirsche was born again and joined the M. B. Church upon confession of faith and baptism. She attended the Speedwell Bible School, Speedwell, Saskatchewan from 1937-39. From here the Lord led to Hepburn, Saskatchewan, where she attended the local high school, and also graduated from the Missions and Evangelical Teacher Training Courses at Bethany Bible College. In the year 1940 she was united in marriage to Daniel A. Wirsche, and with this step came the decision to serve the Lord in the foreign field. During their first term in Colombia, South America, Mrs. Wirsche's special duty was to teach Spanish to new missionaries and also instruct in the national day school on the La Cumbre Station. After returning for a furlough she took some courses at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, during the school year of 1949-50.

The Wirsches have three sons. Allen Stanley was born on June 6, 1943; Wesley David arrived on May 2, 1945; and Peter James, September 16, 1947.



*And let the beauty of the Lord our  
God be upon us: and establish thou the  
work of our hands . . . . PSALMS 90:17.*



REV. AND MRS. DAVID WIRSCHÉ  
Noanama, Colombia

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

DAVID WIRSCHÉ was born at Hodgville, Saskatchewan, on February 16, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. August Wirsche. He completed his elementary education at Flowing Well, Saskatchewan, and his high school at the German-English Academy, Rosthern, Saskatchewan. He continued his education and graduated from Bethany Bible School, Hepburn, Saskatchewan in 1942. In 1945 he was awarded a Th.B. at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. He has also completed the summer course of the Institute of Linguistics at Briercrest, Saskatchewan. Mr. Wirsche's interest in missions commenced with his conversion at the age of seventeen. This grew into a call to bring the Scriptures to the aboriginals of Colombia. While at home he served as evangelist of the Western Children's Mission and for one year was in charge of the mission press. He applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on August 7, 1944 and was sent out on December 21, 1945. His special duty on the field during his first term was linguistic work with the Indians at Noanama. He returned on furlough July 24, 1949, and on August 11, 1949, was united in holy matrimony to Dora Schellenberg at Blaine, Washington. He studied at Tabor College during the school year 1949-50 and was granted the A.B. degree. The Wirsches are at present residing in Seattle, Washington, where Mr. Wirsche attended the University of Washington during the school term.

MRS. SALOME DORA SCHELLENBERG WIRSCHÉ is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Schellenberg, Lynden, Washington. She was born at Waldheim, Saskatchewan, on September 13, 1923. She found peace with God at the age of twelve and two years later followed the Lord in baptism and became a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church at Waldheim, Saskatchewan. In her seventeenth year the Lord began speaking to her about surrendering her life to Him for service, and while in Bible School she yielded to the call. She attended Bethany Bible School, Hepburn, Saskatchewan, three years, graduating in April, 1944. Her practical experience includes Daily Vacation Bible School work, personal work, and house visitations under the Western Children's Mission. Mrs. Wirsche graduated from the Tabor College Academy, Hillsboro, Kansas, in 1945 and received the A.A. degree from Tabor College in the spring of 1947. During the school year of 1947-1948 she enrolled in the medical course at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, California. She was united in marriage to David Wirsche in August, 1949, and continued her studies at Tabor that fall. During the past year they have resided in Seattle, Washington.



MISS ANNIE E. DYCK  
La Cumbre, Colombia

*But none of these things move me,  
neither count I my life dear unto my-  
self, so that I might finish my course  
with joy, and the ministry, which I  
have received of the Lord Jesus, to  
testify the gospel of the grace of God.*  
—ACTS 20:24.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS ANNIE ELINOR DYCK, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob P. Dyck, Winkler, Manitoba was born on October 19, 1918, at Winkler. Here she received her elementary, high school and Bible school education, graduating from the Pniel Bible School in 1944. Miss Dyck was converted at the age of twelve under the ministry of Missionary F. J. Wiens. In 1935 she followed the Lord in baptism and joined the M. B. Church at Winkler. With her conversion came the desire to serve the Lord, which, during the years of her Bible training, grew into a call for foreign missions service. However, even while at home, Miss Dyck applied her talents in children's work. On November 11, 1944, she applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions and was accepted for service in Colombia, South America. On March 25, 1945, she was ordained as foreign missionary by the Winkler M. B. Church. That fall she left home for Hillsboro, Kansas, where she spent one semester at Tabor College. Miss Dyck left Brownsville, Texas, on January 24, 1946. After a time of language study she took up the children's work at Istmina Station. Her outstanding contribution to the work is her musical talent and this she applies with great willingness. At the present she assists in the teaching program of the school for nationals at La Cumbre.



*Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength.*  
—NEHEMIAH 8:10.



MISS LILLIAN SCHAFER  
La Cumbre, Colombia

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS LILLIAN SCHAFER was born to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Schafer at Alta, North Dakota on November 9, 1911. She completed her elementary and secondary education near her home, and then attended North Dakota State Teacher's College at Valley City. In 1941 she was awarded an A.A. degree at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. She has also attended the Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, for several terms. Miss Schafer's specialty is teaching and in it she has been engaged for more than twelve years. At the age of twelve she was converted and in 1931 was baptized and received into the M. B. Church, McClusky, North Dakota. In 1945 in answer to God's call she surrendered her life for service in Colombia. She applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on April, 1945. After she had been accepted for foreign service she was ordained in the summer of 1945, by the John's Lake M. B. Church, near McClusky, North Dakota. Miss Schafer left Brownsville, Texas for her first term of missionary service in Colombia on January 26, 1946. On the field Miss Schafer manages the Missionary Children's School and assists in the work at La Cumbre Station.



REV. JOHN A. DYCK AND FAMILY  
Istmina, Colombia

*... Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, ... and ye are witnesses of these things.—LUKE 24:46-48.*

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JOHN ABRAM DYCK was born to Mr. and Mrs. Abram Dyck on January 1, 1917. His family came to Canada in 1923 and settled at Mullingar, Saskatchewan. Here he was saved at the early age of twelve. In 1935 he was baptized and received as a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church of Mullingar. He completed his public school at Redfield, Saskatchewan, and took his high school work by correspondence. He graduated from the Bible and Missionary Course at Bethany Bible College, Hepburn, in 1941. In his junior year at Bible College the Lord called him into mission work. During the school year 1941-42 he attended the Missionary Medical Institute, Toronto, Ontario. After graduation he returned to Saskatchewan to enter full-time mission work under the Western Children's Mission. He served as evangelist, Bible teachers, personal worker, and singer. On December 13, 1942, he was united in holy matrimony to Mary Letkeman. During the summer of 1944 Mr. and Mrs. Dyck attended the Summer Institute of Linguistics at Briercrest, Saskatchewan. Their ordination took place at Aberdeen, Saskatchewan on October 29, 1944. They made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for service in Colombia on December 12, 1944. In September 1945, he enrolled for one semester's work at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. The Dycks left Brownsville, Texas, on February 1, 1946, for Colombia, where they have served at Istmina and La Cumbre up to the present time.

MRS. MARY LETKEMAN DYCK was born at Aberdeen, Saskatchewan, on July 9, 1922. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Letkeman. At the age of fifteen she was converted and joined the M. B. Church at Aberdeen upon confession of faith and baptism. She completed her elementary and junior high school education at Aberdeen. In 1942 she graduated from the Bible Course at Bethany Bible College, Hepburn, Saskatchewan. She also attended one session of the Summer Institute of Linguistics at Briercrest in 1944. Mrs. Dyck has worked with the Western Children's Mission for several years as Daily Vacation Bible School teacher and gospel worker. Upon completion of their language work after arrival in Colombia, she had charge of the women's work at Istmina Station. At the present they are stationed at La Cumbre.

Roland Chester was born on September 30, 1943, and Rodney Eugene on March 22, 1946. Nancy Jean joined the family circle on November 27, 1950.

*. . . . If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things.—ROMANS 8:31-32.*



MISS KATHRYN LENTZNER  
Istmina, Colombia

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS KATHRYN LENTZNER, born on November 20, 1913, at Omsk, Siberia, came to America with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gust Lentzner, in 1917. She grew up at Larslan, Montana, where she was converted at the age of sixteen. She was baptized on September 7, 1930, and joined the Larslan M. B. Church which was at that time a branch of the M. B. Church at Lustre, Montana. She attended the Lustre Bible School during the years 1929-1932. Miss Lentzner was a willing worker in the church, serving as Sunday School teacher, and Christian Endeavor secretary. In the fall of 1937 she enrolled at the Tabor College Academy and received her academy diploma in May, 1940. The following two years were spent at Tabor College. In September, 1942, she began her studies at the Moody Bible Institute and graduated from the Christian Education course in April, 1945. The following year she took missionary subjects and Spanish at Moody's. For two years she served as assistant supervisor of the Circulation Department of the Moody Monthly, and also acted as personal worker in the Youth for Christ movement and at the Pacific Garden Mission. It was during this time also that she yielded her life to the Lord for Foreign missionary service. She applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on October 3, 1945, for service in Colombia. On June 9, 1946, she was ordained as foreign missionary by the M. B. Church of Lustre, by Rev. A. E. Janzen, Rev. Arthur Flaming, and Rev. J. J. Toews. Miss Lentzner left Brownsville, Texas, on July 26, 1946. On the field she is serving as director of the young people's work at the Istmina Station. She also conducts and supervises the bookstore containing religious literature in the Spanish language for distribution and sale.



MISS MARY I. SCHROEDER  
Noanama, Colombia

*Giving thanks unto the Father  
which hath made us meet to be par-  
takers of the inheritance of the saints in  
light: Who hath delivered us from the  
power of darkness and hath translated  
us unto the kingdom of his dear Son.*

—COL. 1:12-13.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS MARY IRENE SCHROEDER was born at Main Centre, Saskatchewan on July 7, 1910. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Schroeder, Herbert, Saskatchewan. She was converted at the age of twelve and joined the M. B. Church at Main Centre upon confession of faith and baptism. She received her elementary education at Lowfarm, Saskatchewan, and graduated from high school at Main Centre. She is also a graduate of the Bible Course of Bethany Bible College, Hepburn, Saskatchewan, the Missionary Medical Institute, Toronto, and the Summer Institute of Linguistics at Briercrest, Saskatchewan. While attending Bible school Miss Schroeder surrendered herself to the call of God for missionary service. She made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on November 18, 1944, and was accepted for the field in Colombia, South America. On December 26, 1944, she was ordained as foreign missionary by the Main Centre M. B. Church. On July 26, 1946, Miss Schroeder left Brownsville, Texas, for her first term of service in Colombia. Her practical experience includes a variety of religious work in the province of Saskatchewan with the Western Children's Mission. She also served as nurse in various hospitals. Her special duty on the field is nursing and at the present she is laboring at the Noanama Station.

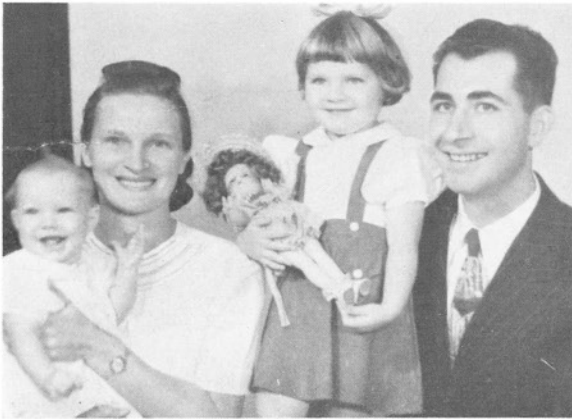
*Look unto me, and by ye saved, all  
the ends of the earth: for I am God,  
and there is none else.—ISAIAH 45:22.*



MISS LYDIA GOLBEK  
(Furlough)  
Dinuba, California

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS LYDIA GOLBEK, R.N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Golbek, was born at Alva, Oklahoma, on January 16, 1904. She received her elementary education at Inola, Oklahoma. After graduating from the Tabor College Academy, Hillsboro, Kansas, in 1930, she availed herself of the opportunity for further preparation at the Bethel Deaconess Hospital, Newton, Kansas, receiving her R.N. degree in 1933. She continued her studies at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles from January, 1935 to June, 1936. Miss Golbek was converted at the age of twenty and joined the M. B. Church upon confession of faith and baptism. Her practical experience includes seven years of mission work teaching Bible classes in the rural districts of the Appalachian Mountains in Kentucky. She volunteered for missionary service in Colombia when a challenge and a need for nurses in that field was presented by Rev. G. W. Peters in 1945. She was ordained at Hillsboro M. B. Church for the M. B. Church of Dinuba, California (of which Miss Golbek is a member) on February 16, 1947, by Rev. A. E. Janzen, Rev. P. R. Lange, and Rev. J. W. Vogt. She left Brownsville, Texas, by plane on February 21, 1947, and in spite of the hardships of the Colombia field, has served faithfully in medical and spiritual work there up to the present.



REV. JAKE A. LOEWEN AND FAMILY  
Noanama, Colombia

*He that dwelleth in the secret place  
of the most High shall abide under the  
shadow of the almighty. I will say of  
the Lord, He is my refuge and my fort-  
ress: my God; in him will I trust.—*

PSALMS 91:1-2.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JACOB ABRAM LOEWEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abram A. Loewen, was born at Romanovka, Orenburg, U.S.S.R., on September 1, 1922. In 1929 the family immigrated to Canada. He received his public school education in British Columbia and also attended the Chilliwack District Junior-Senior High School. His further educational achievements include graduation from the Elim Bible Institute, Yarrow, British Columbia, in 1941, and from the Missionary Medical Institute, Toronto, Ontario, in 1944. During the summer of 1944 he attended the Summer Institute of Linguistics at Briercrest, Saskatchewan. In 1947 Mr. Loewen graduated with highest honors at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, receiving an A. B. degree in Humanities. From there he went to the University of Oklahoma where he continued linguistics with the Institute of Linguistics. Mr. Loewen was converted at the age of fourteen and three years later was baptized and accepted into the M. B. Church of Yarrow, British Columbia. He was an active and consecrated church worker and on February 27, 1944 he was ordained as a minister by the Yarrow M. B. Church. His practical experience includes children's work and evangelism under the West Coast Children's Mission. He was united in holy matrimony to Anne Enns on August 19, 1945. They were sent to Colombia via New Orleans by the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on December 23, 1947. On the field his chief responsibility is building the Noanama Indian language.

MRS. ANNE ENNS LOEWEN was born in Petovka, Siberia, on June 15, 1922, and came to Canada at the age of four. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Enns, Yarrow, British Columbia. After completing her elementary school she entered the Yarrow Bible Institute where she was awarded the Evangelical Teacher Training Diploma in March, 1942. In 1945 she completed her high school at the British Columbia School of Pharmacy and Science in Vancouver, British Columbia. Following her marriage to Jake Loewen in August, 1945, she accompanied her husband to Hillsboro, Kansas, where she spent three semesters studying music and language at Tabor College. In the summer of 1947 she attended the Summer Institute of Linguistics at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. Mrs. Loewen found forgiveness of sins at the age of ten and joined the Yarrow M. B. Church upon confession of faith and baptism seven years later. In her practical experience she majored in children's work: For five years instructing Sunday School and Daily Vacation Bible School and for four years teaching in the local kindergarten.

The Loewens have two daughters. Glayds Anne was born on May 8, 1947 and her sister, Dorothy Joyce, arrived on January 26, 1950.

*For this God is our God for ever  
and ever: he will be our guide even  
unto death.—PSALM 48:14.*



REV. HARRY K. BARTEL AND FAMILY  
Istmina, Colombia

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

HARRY K. BARTEL, born on March 19, 1919, at Corn, Oklahoma, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius V. Bartel, Reedley, California. Mr. Bartel was converted at the age of eleven and joined the M. B. Church at Corn upon confession of faith and baptism. He attended Pacific Bible College, Huntington Park, California; Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas; and Pacific Bible Institute, Fresno, California. He received his call to the foreign mission field while studying at the Pacific Bible College. He was married to Martha Kornelsen on November 29, 1941 at Reedley. Mr. Bartel entered Civilian Public Service in July, 1942, and was released in August, 1943, because of illness. His health was restored in 1944. The Bartels made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in January, 1945, and were accepted for service in Colombia. From May, 1946, till November, 1947, they labored at the Lawton View Mission, Lawton, Oklahoma. Other practical experience includes Young People's work, Gospel team work, personal work and musical service. They were ordained on July 18, 1948 at Reedley, California by Rev. J. B. Toews, Rev. H. R. Wiens and H. D. Wiebe. They left Brownsville, Texas, by Pan-American World Airways on November 1, 1948. Since their arrival on the field, they have served at La Cumbre Station and at the present have charge of the Istmina Station.

MRS. MARTHA ESTHER KORNELSEN BARTEL, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Kornelsen, was born on November 6, 1922 at Hillsboro, Kansas. From Hillsboro the family moved to Ingalls, Kansas, where she finished her public school education and graduated from the Cimarron Consolidated High School. Mrs. Bartel also attended Pacific Bible College, Huntington Park, California; Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas; and Pacific Bible Institute, Fresno, California. At the age of eleven Mrs. Bartel was converted, and even at this early age there was a desire to serve the Lord as foreign missionary. This call was confirmed after her marriage to Harry K. Bartel in 1941. Mrs. Bartel was baptized at the age of thirteen. She had served as Sunday School teacher, young people's worker, and in musical service in the church.

The Bartels have two daughters. Judith Lynne was born on January 2, 1946, and Linda Elaine on January 22, 1950.





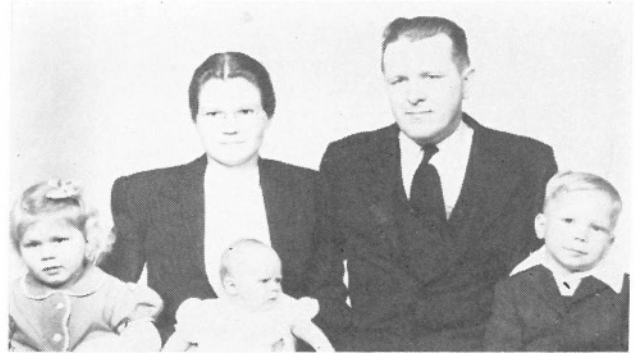
MISS RUTH LOEWEN  
La Cumbre, Colombia

*For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.—HEB. 6:10.*

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS RUTH LOEWEN was born at Hillsboro, Kansas, on July 11, 1911. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Loewen of Hillsboro. Even before her conversion at the age of sixteen she felt that she should be a missionary. Upon confession of faith she was baptized and accepted as a member of the Hillsboro M. B. Church. She graduated from Tabor College Academy in 1941. She also carries a Th.G. and A.A. degree from Tabor College. In addition she completed a five months nurses training course at the Mennonite Hospital, Beatrice, Nebraska. She was matron in the Oklahoma Bible Academy, Meno, Oklahoma, for two years and from 1946-48 she worked as part-time nurse in the Salem Hospital, Hillsboro, Kansas. On April 30, 1946 she made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for service in Colombia. She was ordained for missionary service by the Hillsboro M. B. Church on September 5, 1948. She left Brownsville, Texas on November 1, 1948, together with the Harry K. Bartels. On the field she is serving as matron and supervisor of the boarding of the children in the national school.

*And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day.—ISAIAH 58:10.*



REV. BENNIE J. FADENRECHT AND FAMILY  
La Cumbre, Colombia

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

BENNIE J. FADENRECHT, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Fadenrecht, West Salem, Oregon, was born at Munich, North Dakota, on August 12, 1913. He was converted at the age of sixteen while attending the Winkler Bible School, Winkler, Manitoba, and joined the M. B. Church of Munich, North Dakota, upon confession of faith and baptism. In 1939 he received his degree of Associate in Arts from Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. Two years later he graduated from Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas with the Bachelor of Arts degree. During the school year of 1941-42 he taught public school at Lustre, Montana. He was inducted into Civilian Public Service in 1942 where he served in varying capacities for three and a half years, which included taking a foreign relief course at Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana. He was married to Ruth Ella Zook on June 12, 1944. They applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in April, 1948, and were accepted for service in Colombia. In the spring of 1949 Mr. Fadenrecht received the B. D. degree from Tabor College. The Fadenrechts have helped at the Lawton View and Post Oak Missions in Oklahoma and at the Pine Ridge Indian Mission in South Dakota prior to their going to the field. They were ordained at the Hillsboro M. B. Church on June 25, 1950, by Rev. A. E. Janzen, Rev. P. R. Lange, and Rev. Waldo Hiebert. They left New Orleans, Louisiana, on September 7, 1950. They have charge of the Missionary Children's School on the La Cumbre Station in Colombia.

MRS. RUTH ELLA ZOOK FADENRECHT was born at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania on March 15, 1919. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Zook, Chambersburg. She was converted at the age of ten and immediately felt the Lord's call for foreign service. At the age of twelve she was baptized and became a member of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church. She graduated with an A.A. degree in elementary teaching from Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana. She taught for two years at the Ontario Bible Academy, Fort Erie, Ontario. On the field she is mother and teacher to the children of missionaries who attend the La Cumbre School for Missionary Children.

Bennie Dwight Fadenrecht, the first born of the family, was born on October 5, 1945. Rosalyn Ruth arrived on August 27, 1947. Annabeth Vivian joined the family circle on February 14, 1950.



*Japan . . .*



*Since 1950*



MISS RUTH WIENS  
Ikeda City, Japan

*When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. — ISAIAH 43:2.*

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS RUTH LEONA WIENS, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John H. Wiens, Mildred, Minnesota, was born in Mountain Lake, Minnesota, on February 2, 1923. At the age of three, the family moved to northern Minnesota where her parents engaged in mission work. She was converted at the age of eight. The influence of being reared in a missionary home awakened within her a desire to be a missionary, and at the age of sixteen she surrendered her life to the Lord for mission service. After high school graduation and one year of Normal Teachers' Training, she taught elementary school for three years. In order to receive Christian training, she enrolled at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, in the fall of 1944 and received the Bachelor of Arts degree there in 1948. In the fall of 1948 she went to Indianola, Oklahoma, where she taught in the Post Oak Indian School for two years. She, however, had a special burden for mission work in Japan and was accepted for that field by the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in April, 1950. Miss Wiens was ordained at the M. B. Church at Mountain Lake, Minnesota, on July 4, 1950, by Rev. H. E. Wiens, Rev. A. E. Janzen, and Rev. Wm. Neufeld, and on July 21, 1950, she sailed from San Francisco as the first M. B. missionary to Japan.

... Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.—ACTS 10:34-35.



REV. HAROLD E. GAEDE AND FAMILY  
Ikeda City, Japan

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

HAROLD E. GAEDE, born at Hillsboro, Kansas on December 23, 1920, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Gaede, Hillsboro. Mr. Gaede accepted Christ as his personal Saviour when he was fourteen and joined the M. B. Church at Hillsboro upon confession of faith and baptism. After finishing high school, he attended Tabor College for two years. The following year he transferred to Friends University in Wichita, Kansas, but returned to Tabor to complete his college course in 1943. The summer of 1943 was spent at Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana. Mr. Gaede spent three years in Civilian Public Service. He was married to Marianna Suderman on April 7, 1945, at Reedley, California. After his release from government service, the Gaedes moved to Dallas, Texas, where he began his studies in the Dallas Theological Seminary in 1946. On May 9, 1950, he graduated, receiving his Master of Theology degree. During his years of preparation, Mr. Gaede took many opportunities to witness as Bible teacher and personal worker. The Gaedes made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for service in Japan on February 13, 1950, and were ordained as foreign missionaries at the Hillsboro M. B. Church on June 25, 1950, by Rev. A. E. Janzen, Rev. P. R. Lange, and Rev. Waldo Hiebert. Immediately after ordination, they left for California where they served at the City Terrace Mission in Los Angeles during the summer months. They spent fifteen weeks at the University of California,

MRS. MARIANNA SUDERMAN GAEDE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob P. Suderman, was born at Reedley, California, on January 9, 1924. She was converted at the age of seven and was baptized and received into the M. B. Church at Bakersfield, California, four years later. She always had a desire to enter into some type of Christian service. Her practical experience includes teaching Children's Bible classes and doing personal work in Bakersfield and Dallas, Texas. After high school graduation, Mrs. Gaede attended Tabor College for two years, graduating in 1943 with a Th.G. degree. After her marriage to Harold Gaede in 1945, they spent one year and three months at Kalamazoo, Michigan, in mental hospital work. During the time of their residence in Dallas, Texas, Mrs. Gaede was employed in the Baptist Book Store for one year, and also attended Dallas Bible Institute Night School. She joined her husband in the study of the Japanese language at the University of California, Berkeley, from September, 1950 to January, 1951.

The Gaedes have two children. Sharon Elaine was born on February 6, 1948 and Don Harold on March 22, 1950.

Berkeley, in the study of elementary Japanese. This course ended in January, 1950. They left San Francisco for their field in Japan on February 26, 1951, on the William Luckenbach.



REV. HARRY FRIESEN AND FAMILY  
Ikeda City, Japan

*For we preach not ourselves, but  
Christ Jesus the Lord; and our-  
selves your servants for Jesus sake.*

—2 COR. 4:5.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

HARRY FRIESEN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob F. Friesen, Jansen, Nebraska, was born at Meade, Kansas, on September 30, 1923. Together with his parents, he moved to Jansen, Nebraska, at the age of 3. He was converted and accepted into the Jansen, Nebraska, M. B. Church when he was ten years old. During his senior year in high school at Fairbury, Nebraska, he submitted to a serious operation but the Lord spared his life. This was in 1941. That fall he enrolled at Tabor College where he took an active part in Mission Band and Y.M.C.A. He graduated with an A.B. degree at Tabor in May, 1945. On June 1, 1945, he was married to Mildred Jean Brenner, at Durham, Kansas. From July, 1945, to January, 1949, Mr. Friesen attended the Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas, graduating with the Th.M. degree. Upon graduation, he entered upon a month of evangelistic work in the Southern District Conference. He served as pastor of the Salem Baptist Church, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, for one year. This service terminated in June, 1950. The Friesens applied to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions in June, 1948, and were accepted for service in Japan. On June 25, 1950, they were ordained at the M. B. Church, Hillsboro, Kansas of which they are members, by Rev. A. E. Janzen, Rev. P. R. Lange, and Rev. Waldo Hiebert. From September 18, 1950, to January 22, 1951, Mr. Friesen attended the University of California at Berkeley for a concentrated study of the Japanese language. The Friesens left San Francisco on February 26, 1951, for their first term of missionary service in Japan.

MRS. MILDRED JEAN BRENNER FRIESEN was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Brenner on June 15, 1925, at Woodbine, Kansas. She found assurance of salvation and was baptized at the age of nine. She became a member of the Baptist church but transferred her membership to the Hillsboro M. B. Church in June, 1950. She graduated from the Woodbine Rural High School in May, 1942. From September, 1942 to May, 1945 she attended Tabor College. She received her A.A. degree from Tabor College in the spring of 1944. After her marriage to Harry Friesen on June 1, 1945, they moved to Dallas, Texas, for further preparation. She worked as secretary to the Registrar of the Seminary and also took two night school courses in the Dallas Bible Institute. In addition, she took active part in church work, serving in Sunday School and young people's work. The Lord has given her a special talent in music.

The Friesens have two children. Marilyn Jean was born on August 27, 1948, and Stephen Samuel on September 10, 1950.



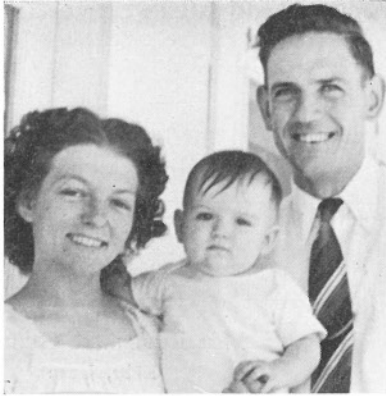
*And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.—ISAIAH 58:11.*



MISS RUBENA B. GUNTHER  
Kobe, Japan

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS RUBENA BERNECE GUNTHER is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gunther, Dinuba, California. She was born at Rosedale, California, on August 9, 1924. She was converted at eleven and two years later was baptized and accepted into the M. B. Church, Reedley, California. She received her Bible training at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles from 1943-46, graduating from the Christian Education course. During the school years 1942-43 and 1946-47 she attended Reedley Junior College and received the A.A. degree. She graduated from San Jose State College with the B.A. degree in December, 1949. While at Biola, the Lord called her for missionary service. She taught public school in California for one year and in August, 1950 left for Japan to teach in a government school there. She was accepted by the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions for missionary service in Japan in November, 1950. Her contract with the government expires in August, 1951, after which she will join the M. B. missionary staff in Osaka, Japan.



REV. JONATHAN H. BARTEL AND FAMILY  
Exeter, California

*I would seek unto God, and unto  
God would I commit my cause: Which  
doeth great things and unsearchable;  
marvellous things without number.—*

JOB 5:8-9.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

JONATHAN HARVEY BARTEL, son of Rev. and Mrs. Henry C. Bartel, was born at Tsao Hsien, Shantung, China. He was saved at the early age of eight. His grade school education was received in the School for Missionary Children of the China Mennonite Mission Society. In 1938 he received his high school diploma from the American School of Kikungshan. While waiting for his papers to enter the United States, he taught in a mission grade school in Shanghai for three years. During the Civil War in China he went to the mission field in Shantung Province and taught his oldest brother's four girls. On January 16, 1947, he arrived in the United States and continued his education at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, where he spent four semesters. On September 24, 1948, he was married to Alice Wiens at Hillsboro. They moved to Fresno, California in 1949 in order to attend Pacific Bible Institute. Along the line of Christian activities, Mr. Bartel is active in pastoral work, evangelism, and personal work. He is at present pastor of a church in Exeter, California. The Bartels made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on October 16, 1950 and were accepted as candidates for the mission field in Japan.

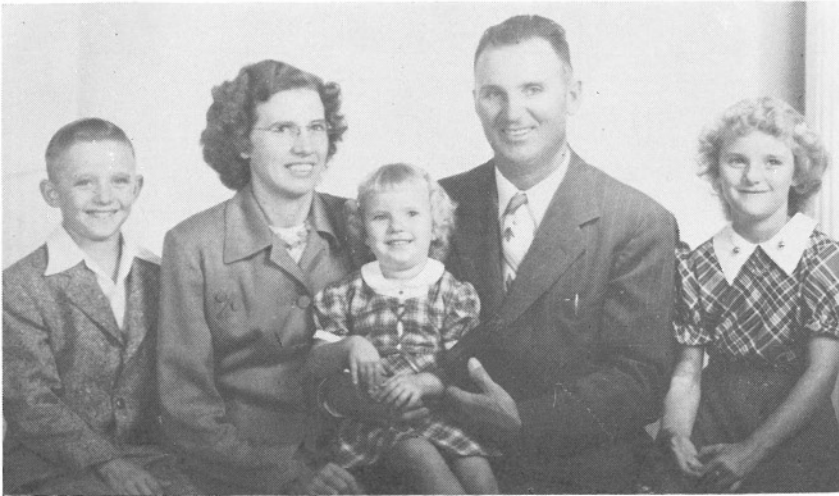
MRS. ALICE EDNA WIENS BARTEL is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wiens, Hillsboro, Kansas. She was born at Hillsboro on September 28, 1925. At the age of thirteen she was converted and the following year she joined the Hillsboro M. B. Church upon confession of faith and baptism. After high school graduation, she enrolled at Tabor College and received the A.A. degree in business in 1947. During her first year at Tabor she surrendered her life to the Lord with the conviction that God wanted to use her in His service. Prior to her marriage to Jonathan Bartel on September 24, 1948, she was employed at the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions Office. During the summer of 1947 she attended Wichita Business College, Wichita, Kansas. She and her husband are candidates for the mission field in Japan.

*Daniel Jerome Nov. 27, 1947*

*Mexico . . .*



*Since 1950*



MR. DAVID H. TOEWS AND FAMILY  
Patos, Mexico

*Commit thy works  
unto the Lord, and  
thy thoughts shall be  
established. — PRO-  
VERBS 16:3.*

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

DAVID H. TOEWS, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Toews of Enid, Oklahoma, was born at Enid on May 10, 1918. Following his conversion at the age of sixteen, he was baptized and accepted as a member of the North M. B. Church, Enid, Oklahoma. He received his education at the M. B. Bible School, North Enid, Oklahoma. On August 11, 1940, he was united in holy matrimony with Elereeca Neufeld, at Fairview, Oklahoma. Before entering foreign mission service, he was active in the Lord's work, teaching Sunday School, Bible Classes, and doing mission work in the Ozarks of Arkansas. Mr. and Mrs. Toews left for the field in Mexico on November 6, 1950, where they are busy establishing the work at Nuevo Ideal, Est. Patos, Durango, Mexico.

MRS. ELERECCA NEUFELD TOEWS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Neufeld of Fairview, Oklahoma, was born at Fairview on August 28, 1922. She realized her lost condition and accepted Christ as her personal Saviour at the age of ten. Following her conversion she joined the South Fairview M. B. Church upon confession of faith and baptism. She received her education at the M. B. Bible School, North Enid, Oklahoma, graduating in April, 1938. She was married to David H. Toews on August 11, 1940, at Fairview, Oklahoma. Mrs. Toews was an active member in the church teaching Sunday School, Bible Classes and Daily Vacation Bible School. She and her husband also spent six months in mission work among the people of Arkansas. They left for Mexico on November 6, 1950. Mr. and Mrs. Toews have three children: Herman Lee, born on August 29, 1941; Janice May, born on May 26, 1943; Virginia Kay, born on November 14, 1947.

*. . . . How beautiful are the feet  
of them that preach the gospel of peace,  
and bring glad tidings of good things!*  
—ROMANS 10:15.



MISS EDNA THIESEN  
Patos, Mexico

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MISS EDNA ANN THIESEN, R.N., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Thiesen, Dinuba, California on February 26, 1922 at Dinuba. She was born again at the age of twelve and joined the Dinuba M. B. Church upon confession of faith and baptism. Her secondary education was begun with the desire to become a nurse. During the school year of 1942-1943 she attended Bible Institute of Los Angeles, California. In the fall of 1943 the Lord opened the way for her to begin nurses training at the Los Angeles County General Hospital School of Nursing. She graduated in August, 1946. While in training, she frequently had the privilege of dealing with unsaved fellow students. During those days she felt the Lord speaking to her concerning the Mission field. In the fall of 1947 she enrolled at Tabor College, Hillsboro, where she studied for one semester. From February, 1948 till May, 1949 she continued her education at Pacific Bible Institute, Fresno, California, graduating with the Th.G. degree. Here she also served as school nurse and instructor of some medical subjects. She made application to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions on March 20, 1949, and was appointed for the field in Colombia, South America. During the summer of 1949, Miss Thiesen attended the Summer Institute of Linguistics, Norman, Oklahoma, and that fall she enrolled in a Spanish course at Fresno Junior College, Fresno, California. She was ordained as foreign missionary by the Dinuba M. B. Church on October 8, 1950. Since November, 1950 she has been laboring at the M. B. mission station, Patos, Mexico, where she is also studying the Spanish language while waiting for her visa to Colombia.

## *Under Appointment*

A number of additional young people are under appointment to Africa, Colombia, India, Japan and Paraguay. Their names will be released for publication as soon as definite arrangements have been completed relative to their going out.

## In Memoriam

REV. HEINRICH E. ENNS ( <i>Africa</i> ) . . . . .	1896
REV. PETER H. WEDEL ( <i>Africa</i> ) . . . . .	1897
MRS. HEINRICH E. ENNS ( <i>Africa</i> ) . . . . .	1898
MRS. TINA MANDTLER BERGTHOLD ( <i>India</i> ) . . . . .	1904
MISS KATHARINA LOHRENZ ( <i>India</i> ) . . . . .	1913
MRS. ANNA EPP BERGTHOLD ( <i>India</i> ) . . . . .	1915
MRS. PETER H. WEDEL WALL ( <i>Africa</i> ) . . . . .	1918
MISS SARAH BALTZER ( <i>China</i> ) . . . . .	1921
REV. BERNARD F. WIENS ( <i>China</i> ) . . . . .	1922
MISS TINA KORNELSEN ( <i>China</i> ) . . . . .	1924
MISS SUSANNA RATZLAFF ( <i>China</i> ) . . . . .	1925
REV. FRANK A. JANZEN ( <i>India</i> ) . . . . .	1927
MRS. ELIZABETH KOHFELD ( <i>Post Oak</i> ) . . . . .	1931
REV. HENRY KOHFELD ( <i>Post Oak</i> ) . . . . .	1932
MRS. FRANK J. WIENS ( <i>China</i> ) . . . . .	1935
MISS MARIA RICHERT ( <i>China</i> ) . . . . .	1936
MRS. ERNESTINA JANZEN ( <i>Africa</i> ) . . . . .	1937
MRS. MAGDALENA BECKER ( <i>Post Oak</i> ) . . . . .	1938
MRS. JOHN H. PANKRATZ ( <i>India</i> ) . . . . .	1941
REV. FRANK J. WIENS ( <i>China</i> ) . . . . .	1942
REV. JOHN S. DICK ( <i>China</i> ) . . . . .	1942
MISS ANNA HANNEMAN ( <i>India</i> ) . . . . .	1943
REV. JOHN H. VOTH ( <i>India</i> ) . . . . .	1943
MISS KATHERINA L. SCHELLENBERG, M.D. ( <i>India</i> ) . . . . .	1945
REV. DANIEL F. BERGTHOLD ( <i>India</i> ) . . . . .	1948
MRS. EVA BLOCK KASPER ( <i>India</i> ) . . . . .	1950





*Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will  
send forth laborers into his harvest. MATTHEW 9:38*